

NOTES

BIG IDEA + THEOLOGICAL EMPHASIS

The Holy Spirit has never abandoned His Church. Across every generation, culture, nation, and season, He has remained present, active, and at work. The same Spirit who moved at Pentecost is moving today.



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OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to be with us and in us. Open our hearts tonight to see that You have never left Your Church and that Your Spirit is still moving in our generation. Help us to recognise Your presence, respond to Your leading, and live with renewed faith and expectation.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

OPENING QUESTION^(OPTIONAL)

What is one historical event, movement, or person that has inspired you, and why?

WORD

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2:17-18 (ESV)

Introduction

Many people assume the Holy Spirit was more active in the Book of Acts, the Early Church, or famous revivals than He is today. Yet Scripture and church history tell a different story.

From Pentecost to the present day, the Holy Spirit has continued to move through ordinary people, diverse communities, and every generation of believers. Whenever people have become hungry for God, the Spirit has faithfully met them. As we look at key moments from church history, we discover a powerful truth: Every generation thought the Spirit had moved on. Every generation discovered He hadn't.

Discussion Starter

Throughout church history, several patterns consistently emerge:

The Spirit moves where there is genuine hunger.

The Spirit crosses barriers of culture, race, language, gender, and social status.

The Spirit often works through unlikely people.

The Spirit moves powerfully through unified communities.

Every dry season has eventually been followed by fresh renewal.

Discussion Question

Which of these patterns stands out most to you, and why?

MAIN REFLECTION POINTS (REFINED)

1. The Spirit Was Poured Out For Everyone

Read

Acts 2:1-4, 17-18

Pentecost was not simply the birth of the Church; it was the public declaration that God's Spirit would no longer be limited to a select group of leaders, prophets, or priests.

The promise was clear:

- Sons and daughters
- Young and old
- Men and women
- Servants and masters
- Every nation and language

The Holy Spirit's first public act was to cross cultural and language barriers.

The Gospel has always been global.

Discussion Questions

What does it mean to you personally that God's Spirit is available to all believers?

Why do you think people sometimes feel unqualified to experience or be used by the Holy Spirit?

How can our Life Group reflect the inclusiveness of Pentecost?

Key Takeaway

The Holy Spirit is not reserved for the spiritually elite. He is God's gift to every believer.

MAIN REFLECTION POINTS (REFINED)

2. The Holy Spirit Is Fully God

Read

John 14:16-17

In the fourth century, church leaders defended the truth that the Holy Spirit is not merely a force, influence, or assistant of God.

He is God Himself.

Because of this truth, every experience of the Holy Spirit is an encounter with the living God.

When the Spirit comforts, guides, convicts, empowers, or speaks, it is God at work.

Discussion Questions

Why is it important to understand that the Holy Spirit is fully God?

How might our relationship with the Holy Spirit change if we truly viewed Him as a Person rather than merely a power?

Which aspect of the Spirit's work in your life are you most grateful for?

Key Takeaway

The Holy Spirit is not God's representative. He is God present with His people.

3. The Spirit Brings Life To Dry Places

Read

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Even during spiritually difficult periods of church history, the Holy Spirit continued to work through believers who pursued God deeply.

MAIN REFLECTION POINTS (REFINED)

The lesson is clear: dry seasons are real, but they are never final.

The Spirit specialises in bringing life where life seems absent.

Discussion Questions

Have you ever experienced a "dry season" in your faith journey?

What encourages you most about Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones?

What areas of your life currently need the Spirit's renewing work?

Key Takeaway

No situation is beyond the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

4. The Spirit Moves Through Unity

Read

Psalms 133:1-3

In 1727, a divided Christian community in Herrnhut experienced a powerful move of God that sparked over 100 years of continuous prayer and a global missionary movement.

Their breakthrough came when they sought God's presence together.

Unity became the environment where God released blessing.

Discussion Questions

Why do you think unity is so important to God's mission?

What are some barriers to unity in churches today?

How can we cultivate greater unity within our Life Group and church family?

Key Takeaway

The Holy Spirit delights in communities that choose unity over division.

MAIN REFLECTION POINTS (REFINED)

5. The Spirit Often Chooses The Margins

Read

Luke 4:18

1 Corinthians 1:27

The Azusa Street Revival reminds us that God often works through people and places the world overlooks.

William Seymour was not the person society expected God to use. Yet God chose him and used him to ignite a global movement that continues to impact millions today.

Throughout Scripture and history, God repeatedly chooses the humble, the weak, and the overlooked.

Discussion Questions

Why do you think God often chooses unlikely people?

Have you ever felt overlooked, inadequate, or unqualified?

How does God's pattern of using ordinary people encourage you?

Key Takeaway

God is not looking for impressive people. He is looking for available people.

6. The Spirit Is Moving In Our Generation

Read

Revelation 7:9

Revelation 22:17

Today, some of the fastest-growing churches in the world are found across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific.

MAIN REFLECTION POINTS (REFINED)

The Gospel is flourishing among every tribe, language, and nation.

The Holy Spirit has not gone quiet.

He is still calling people to Jesus.

He is still transforming lives.

He is still empowering His Church.

And He is moving here in Brisbane too.

Discussion Questions

What encourages you most about the global growth of Christianity?

Why do people sometimes assume revival only happens somewhere else?

What would it look like for us to expect God to move in our church, city, and generation?

Key Takeaway

We are not spectators of the Spirit's story. We are participants in it.

Application

This week, take some time each day to pray:

"Holy Spirit, help me recognise where You are already at work and give me the faith to join You."

Ask God to show you:

Someone you can encourage.

An area where you need fresh faith.

A place where He is inviting you to trust Him more deeply.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Invite group members to respond to one of the following:

Fresh Filling

“I want to stop merely managing my Christian life and be freshly filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Dry Season

“I am walking through a dry season and need God’s life and renewal.”

Greater Expectation

“I want greater faith that God is moving in Brisbane, in our church, and in my life.”

Pray for one another, asking the Holy Spirit to bring fresh life, renewed hope, and greater expectation.

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Spirit,

Thank You for Your faithfulness throughout every generation of the Church. Thank You that You have never abandoned Your people and that You are still moving today.

Renew our faith, deepen our hunger for Your presence, and help us become people who recognise and respond to Your leading. May our lives, our Life Groups, and our church reflect Your power, Your love, and Your unity.

In Jesus’ name,
Amen.