

TALK IT OVER

How is everyone doing right now? Do you have any needs? (Push a little here. Everyone is dealing with the virus and isolation so make sure you know how your people are doing.)

Read the Apostles Creed together (Found on 3r page & we are focusing in today on the 6th phrase) and then Acts 2:1-18, 38-42 (Passage is on 2nd page. This is where we see the birth of the church and the Power of the Holy Spirit). Once you've read the passage ask these questions:

- What new thing did you discover in the story that you did not know before?
- What did you learn about God? (This is where we meet the 3 part of God. The Holy Spirit God. God the Father the creator, God the Son (Jesus), and the Spirit of God. Brad said that the Church is supercharged by the Holy Spirit. What does that mean? Brad also shared that the Holy Spirit interacts with us in 3 ways: With, In, and Upon. Reference John 14:17, Acts 1:8. How have you seen this in your life? In what ways do you need to grow in the spirit?)
- What did you learn about people? (Why was the church growing so quickly? 3000 souls saved in one day. Why do you think we don't see that kind of growth today? Or do you? Explain. Brad also mentioned that the holy spirit is global and eternal. How can people encourage their faith by those statements? How can we, wisely, live that out in our new normal?)
- What will you take away from this discussion? (How can we ask the Holy Spirit to come upon us? Peter instructed the people that they should repent of their sins, be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. The Holy Spirit is building a Church where we are forgiven. How does this play out in your life?)
- What will you do with what you have learned? (What steps do you need to take, right now, do you need to repent of sin? Have you been baptized? Do you feel like you can live in a way that shows that you have been forgiven?)
- Is there anything else you wanted to share that we didn't hit in this discussion?
- Next week make sure to read 1 Corinthians 15. Think through the questions we ask weekly as you read.

Encourage your small group to do a watch party on Facebook with the LIVE Sunday service for Easter this Sunday. Ask them to invite coworkers and friends to watch with them at 10:10. Also, make sure to comment as you watch on the feed to encourage community and discussion.

Make sure to check in with your SG this week. We are all going through a lot. How can you pray for them? This is where the discipleship aspect comes in. Work towards identifying your 3 (that you can really pour into) and then your 1 (that person that will replicate what you're doing now). Take a few minutes each day and make a text or phone call to everyone in the group.

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Make sure to read ahead of time and either retell the story or have someone (multiple people) help you retelling the story. Make sure to use your update with points from Brad's sermon.

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

7 They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, 8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! 9 Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has

done!" 12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

13 But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"

Peter Preaches to the Crowd

14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. 15 These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. 16 No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

- 17 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.
- 18 In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.

38 Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away all who have been called by the Lord our God." 40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"

41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper and to prayer.

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Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven
and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his
only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he
descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again
from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father
almighty.**

**From there he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**