

October 11 Discussion Questions "The Unstoppable Spirit" Acts 2:1-13

Preview

"And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. **But stay in the city** until you are clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49

How to live in the power of the Spirit:

- 1. Gather & <u>Wait</u> (Acts 1:4-5; 2:1)
- 2. Worship & Pray (Acts 1:14; Ephesians 3:14-21)
 - with **Brokenness** and **Dependence** (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- 3. Listen & Obey (Acts 2:4; John 15:9-10)

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants." Isaiah 44:3

Connect

- 1. What is one of the most exciting things you've been a part of? Were you directly involved or more of a spectator?
- 2. What makes the Holy Spirit both exciting and mysterious?

Read Acts 2:1-13

Discuss

3. What were the disciples doing after Jesus ascended into heaven? Why were they doing this? What would have been your first reaction after Jesus' ascension?

- 4. We learned in Acts 1:14 that the disciples "*with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer*." What heart attitudes should characterize our prayer? From your experience, do these heart attitudes develop more over time in your prayer life?
- 5. What suddenly happened as the disciples were waiting? How does the text describe it?
- 6. What evangelistic miracle did the Holy Spirit enable at Pentecost?
- 7. After hearing Pastor Darin's stories of revival on Sunday, how can we define revival? What often leads to a revival?
- 8. Have you witnessed a version of a revival, either personally or corporately? What came of it?
- 9. How do we often think revival should happen? What practices or expectations do we need to change for ourselves and at Oakwood in order to increase the potential of revival?

Apply

- 10. How were you impressed by Duncan Campbell's revival story? What did it stir in you?
- 11. On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate your current heart attitude toward revival? ("1" means "I am content with how things are." and "10" means "I desperately desire spiritual change in me and around me.") Why did you give yourself that score? Do you want God to open your eyes and increase your passion for revival?
- 12. We learned from this story that prayer often precedes the powerful acts of God. Are you convicted by the current state of your prayer life? What needs to change?
- 13. We often find ourselves waiting for God to move in accordance with our prayers. What are you waiting on God to do?

Pray

Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team

Personal Prayer Focus: Pray that we as individuals and as a church would listen, rely on, and obey the Holy Spirit within us.

Ministry Prayer Focus: Pray for wisdom in each ministry of the church to effectively pivot their strategy for fruitfulness in light of COVID-19.