

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Ask God to use you to start a connect group or get into a connect group
- Ask God to show you where you can serve in your local church

PRAYER

- Pray for the nations and other ethnic groups in your community.

NOTES



Grow – Week 2

CONNECT

- When working out or studying do you prefer to do this alone or with somebody? Why?
- If you could live somewhere would it be on an island alone or a major metropolitan city full of people? Why?

WORD

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has

made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified. **37**Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” **38**Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39**“For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” **40**And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!” **41**So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. **42**They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43**Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. **44**And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; **45**and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. **46**Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, **47**praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:1-4, 36 - 47

THOUGHT

After Jesus had ascended to heaven he told the disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait. He wanted to give them something that he had promised, something that would help them in their faith and their walk with him. Now that he was gone! They had no real family but they had each other! “together ” vs 1 (one vision , one mind, one LORD!)

DISCUSSION

- 1. What would you say was the most impressive evidence of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost?**
 - A. The sudden, mysterious wind
 - B. The tongues of fire that came and rest on each of their heads
 - C. The giving the prophecies visions and dreams to all gods people.
 - D. The response of 3000 converts

- 2. Why did God pour out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus followers?**
 - A. To bless them with the spiritual high?
 - B. To empower them to be witnesses?
 - C. To get the Christian church off to an explosive start

- 3. What teacher or preacher has God used to draw you to Christ?**

- 4. Why do you think these people got together every day?**
 - A. They love to eat
 - B. They were excited about their new life and wanted to talk about it
 - C. They had a lot to learn
 - B. They had nothing else to do

5. What made the early church so appealing to others?

- A. Their spiritual vitality
 - B. They're amazing love for each other
 - C. Their openness to others
 - D. Miracles
 - E. Great preaching from the pulpit
 - F. Advertising
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6. What aspect of the spiritual life and energy found in the early church do you most desire for yourself? For your small group? For your church? How would this example and ask if fake the way you pray?