



Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Read Acts 2:1-47 as a group before answering these questions.*

1. For many people, the Holy Spirit is the member of the Trinity they probably haven't thought much about. (One author calls the Spirit the "forgotten God.") Why do you think this is? Is this true for you personally?
2. Read Acts 1:8. What do we learn about the Holy Spirit from this verse? Explain the significance of this.
3. In light of what you read in Acts 2, how does the Holy Spirit prove to be the "power" (Acts 1:8) that energizes and propels the early church? How does this show the importance of the Spirit in our lives and in our church still today?
4. In Acts 2:1-4 we see the coming of the Holy Spirit in a scene that involves "rushing wind" and "tongues of fire." In the Old Testament, wind and fire are both associated with God's presence (check it out in 1 Kings 19:11-13 and Exodus 3:2). The bottom line is that through the Holy Spirit, God's presence is always with followers of Jesus. What practical difference(s) should this truth make in our lives?
5. From Acts 2 we also learn that when the Spirit is at work, people boldly talk about Jesus. How do you see this played out in Acts 2? What might this look like today, in your own life?
6. Re-read Acts 2:36-47. In this passage, how do you see the Spirit working to change hearts and re-direct desires? Are there ways you've seen the Spirit do this in your own life? Explain.
7. Many other Bible passages can help us learn more about the Holy Spirit – who He is and what He's doing. Look up the following passages and briefly explain what they teach us about the Holy Spirit:
 - John 14:16-17
 - Romans 8:5-6
 - Galatians 4:6-7 (see also Romans 8:14-17)
 - Galatians 5:16
 - Galatians 5:22-23
8. Imagine someone approached you and said "understanding the Holy Spirit really isn't that important, and the Spirit doesn't play that big of a role in the life of a church." How would you respond, based on what you've seen in Acts 2?
9. From everything you've seen about the Holy Spirit, identify one truth about who He is or what He's doing that stands out to you in a big way. How should this insight influence your life in a very practical way this coming week?