



## AND THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

If you ask me to start a bonfire, you better watch out because for me, bigger is always better. I'm going to arrange the wood in high quantity and with plenty of draft so the fire can breathe. Once that's done, I'll light the small kindling and when the fire gets going there's no turning back, because there's plenty of heat and light.

That is just like the Day of Pentecost in the Book of Acts. God gathered the souls together that would kindle a mighty flame as they were breathed upon by His Holy Spirit. That flame would turn into a blaze impacting the whole world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The unchanging God still desires to light the flame and breathe His breath upon it so that the church is ablaze with His love. When that happens the manifestations of His gifts in our lives are put into action and His Kingdom marches forward.



### WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek. Video sessions are available for download at [www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



### PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and encourage one another in the gifts you see in each other's lives.

## new acts

This is a new section in the curriculum that will ask you to discuss the REACH portion from the previous week and share how you applied the teaching to your life. Last week you were asked:

Be specific in your daily prayer time to ask for the baptism of God's Spirit. Expect, God to supply the power you need for the day He has given you.

How did God empower you and the "new acts" that He is working through your life?

(10 min)



## REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. The Day of Pentecost in Acts represents the manifestation of God's New Covenant.

How does the New Covenant differ from the Old Covenant?

2. Jesus used wind to describe when someone is reborn by the Spirit of God.

Explain that description in John 3. Also describe how spiritual rebirth has looked in your life. .

*"I Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

John 3:7-8

3. Derek talked about what a church looks like when it is ablaze with God's Spirit, as described in the Book of Acts.

What are some of the characteristics of a church that is blazing with the fire of God?

*"Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came*

Ezekiel 37:9-10

3. As a home group discuss how you can be more on fire for God.

Discuss ways to encourage one another in the use of your spiritual gifts.

*"I Stirring your spiritual gift makes the fire in your church burn brighter and hotter. Without your gifts the church is missing something."*

Derek Neider



## REACH

Considering what God revealed to you this week, prayerfully make a plan about how you are going to stir your spiritual gift up for God's glory and His kingdom. What steps of faith are you going to take?

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how God showed you how to stir your gifts and how He used you this week.