**The Holy Spirit – 1 The Prophetic Promise of Pentecost Leader’s Notes**

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**1. For any women who carried a baby: what was it like? For any men: if you could carry a baby, would you? Why or why not? For unmarried women: is the possibility of carrying a child exciting or scary?**

**2. What was a promise kept (or a promise broken) that you vividly remember?**

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**3. Read John 16:7** “It’s for your good that I’m going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor won’t come to you; but if I go, I’ll send him to you.” **Why is it good that Jesus ascended to heaven?** (Having an ordinary human body, Jesus could only be in one place at one time. But through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, he can be in every believer at the same time).

**4. Read John 14:16:** “I’ll ask the Father, and he’ll give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of Truth. The world can’t accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” **How does living ‘with’ someone differ from living ‘in’ someone?**

**5. Read John 14:20** “On that day you’ll realize that I am in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.” **What day was Jesus referring to?** (Pentecost! The disciples would realize the mystery of the indwelling Triune God because God would take up residence in their physical bodies).

**6. Read Acts 1:4-5,8.** 4On one occasion, while (Jesus) was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Don’t leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” 8But you’ll receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you’ll be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” **What is the power of the Holy Spirit given to us for?** (holiness and power to witness)

**7. Read Acts 2:1-4. With what Jewish holiday did the coming of the Holy Spirit coincide?** (Pentecost). **What does Pentecost mean?** (50 days after Passover). **Why did God send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?** (It supersedes the Law given to Moses, which was celebrated at Pentecost. The law brings death; the Spirit gives life. It also is a kind of Firstfruit celebration. The church multiplied from 120 to 3000 believers in one day.)

**8. Read Acts 2:17-18**. 17“‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.18Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.” **What is the evidence promised of the pouring out of God’s Spirit?** (Prophecy and dreams)

**9.** **What is prophecy?** Prophecy isn’t just insight into the future; prophecy is knowing God’s heart for today. Sometimes a prophetic word afflicts the comfortable; sometimes a prophetic word comforts the afflicted).

**10. In the light of Acts 2:17-18 and 2:38, who can receive the Holy Spirit?** (All people – young and old, men and women. Everyone who repents and is baptized.)

**11. How did the baptism of the Holy Spirit change Peter?** (He went from coward to bold preacher).

**12. Is Pentecost normative for today? What aspects of Pentecost are normative?** (Receiving the promised gift of the Holy Spirit is normative. The Holy Spirit wants to live in every believer. Repentance and baptism is normative. Being changed by the power of the Holy Spirit is normative.)

**13. How is the coming of the Holy Spirit different after Pentecost than before?** (The difference after Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit comes to all believers, not just some; the Holy Spirit comes permanently, not temporarily.)

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**14. What kind of challenges would there be at our church if it went from 120 to 3000 in one day?**

**15. What’s the biggest difference that Jesus has made in your life? Have you ever experienced healing from Jesus?**

**16. Rob Penner said, “If you’re walking in the fullness of the Spirit, you’re dangerous to hell. Believers who aren’t filled with the Holy Spirit are dangerous to the church.” What did he mean by that?**

**17. How does being ‘Presence Driven’ impact us becoming ‘Purpose Driven’?**