



FIRE FROM ABOVE • ACTS 2:1-13

In Acts 2:1-13 we arrive at the promised day of Pentecost. This unrepeatable yet remarkable scene details what happened at a significant moment in redemptive history that forever changed the way God would relate to his people as he filled and empowered them to live as his witnesses in the world. Here we will highlight two activities found both in this passage and repeatedly through the book of Acts: *The Spirit Fills the Church*, and *The Mighty Works of God are Proclaimed*.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. While Pentecost marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the New Testament church, there are whispers of the Spirit all over the Bible. What are some examples of God the Spirit in the Old Testament? Consider the Sinai narrative (Exodus 19) and the story of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11). How does the Pentecost event act as both a mirror and reversal of these events?
2. What is the first activity of the Spirit that Matt highlighted from our passage? (Answer: The Spirit Fills the Church). And what are the three phenomenal acts that the Spirit displays in this passage? (Answer: Wind, fire, speaking in tongues)
3. What's the second activity of the Spirit pointed out in our passage? (Answer: The Mighty Works of God are proclaimed). What is the content of this proclamation? And what is the response from the people?
4. As a group, read aloud Galatians 5:22-23. Consider the fruit of the Spirit listed by Paul in these two verses—which of these fruit do you see most clearly in each other and in your own lives? And which of these fruit do you feel like you're most lacking?
5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life today? How does this differ from the early church's experience of God's Spirit on the day of Pentecost?

PRAY: Pray that The Trails Church would be led by the Spirit as the Lord continues to go before us. Pray that you would be filled with the Holy Spirit, that your life and conduct would be in keeping with the fruit of the Spirit.