

Community Group Growth Questions

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday’s message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. Who were the people who experienced this event? Who witnessed this event and why were they there?
3. Read these scriptures: Leviticus 23:4-22; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Corinthians 15:20,23
What was the Old Testament significance of the Day of Pentecost? What was it a celebration of?
4. What 3 miraculous phenomena are related to us in Acts 2:1-4? Consider these scriptures: John 3:8; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Exodus 3:1-6, 24:12-18, 40:34-38. How can they help us to better understand these phenomena and what they might represent?
5. In Acts 2:1-4, what might be the significance of these phenomena occurring at Pentecost?
6. Peek ahead at verse Acts 2:41. What is the ultimate result of the church’s being “filled” with the Holy Spirit? Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? Is God using in a similar way?

Living on Mission

1. Let’s dream a bit. Can you imagine the Holy Spirit showing up at the Church @ Martinsburg in an Acts 2:1-4 way one Sunday morning? How would you respond? How might the audiences for the 1:00 movies be impacted? How about the rest of the Church community in Martinsburg?
2. Knowing that the same Holy Spirit dwells in every believer, do you consider the events of Acts 2 more miraculous than His current choice of residence – you? How can knowing that the Holy Spirit is indwelling in other believers help you as you seek to love them as Christ does?
3. Has the Holy Spirit ever caused you to look “peculiar” to others around you? What might be the reason for this? How does your “peculiarity” among a lost and dying generation bring glory to God?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:9. How might this verse relate to all that we have seen in Acts 2:1-4?

This Week’s Reading:

Monday: Leviticus 23:4-22

Tuesday: Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 3:8

Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6

Thursday: Exodus 24:12-18

Friday: Exodus 40:34-38

Saturday: Acts 4:31 and 13:52

Ripple Report:

This week’s Ripple Report comes from Hedgesville High School student Kaylee Femi, who’s making a difference by showing the love of Jesus to people in the workplace. This past week Kaylee shared on twitter that she was seeing her job differently because of what Jesus was doing in her life! Kaylee reminds us of the importance of the Gospel in both word and deed.

God has given us all a platform to share the Gospel with others. You don’t have to be a pastor or a community group leader to make a difference for God; the Lord wants us to bloom where we’re planted! Who are you reaching out to this week? #ripplereport



How is God working? Let us know by tagging your tweets with #ripplereport or sending them to ripple@martinsburgchurch.org!

Whether this is your first time or your next time; whether you are a member or a first-time guest – we want to connect with you! Use the white card with this Loop to relay information to your church staff. Please complete the front so we can update our records and use the back to request information or share your prayer requests. As your pastors, we are honored to pray for and serve you.

Pastor On Call: If you or your family have an emergency and need to get hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg’s Pastor on call.

Interested in Membership? Our next Gospel Class will be offered on Saturday, October 13th. Email tammy@martinsburgchurch.org to register.

Members’ Gathering: Our next Members’ Gathering is Sunday, October 21st from 5-6:30 pm at the Comfort Inn – Aikens Center (1872 Edwin Miller Blvd) in Martinsburg. Hor d’oeuvres will be served. Childcare will be provided up to 5 years.

Baptism Celebration: is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th. Sign up at baptism.martinsburgchurch.org or call the church office at 304.596.9330 to register.

Men’s Gathering: Friday, October 26th and Saturday, October 27th. Speaker: Seth Polk (Cross Lanes Baptist Church) - Location: Baker Heights Baptist Church. Sign up in the lobby today!

Media Team: Looking for a place to serve? What about media? Contact Timmy Wilkerson for more information at timmy@martinsburgchurch.org

OP:THX - Pledged = 68 turkeys, Goal = 255 turkeys! - Join us on November 17th from 7:45 to 8:15am at the Regal Cinema’s parking lot.

Women’s Gathering: Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th. We’ll be discussing gospel-centered relationships and discipleship. Sign up in the lobby today! Details to come.

Missionary Toolbox: Pentecost

“It was on the day of Pentecost that God’s sovereign timetable called for the Spirit to descend... Pentecost means ‘fiftieth.’ It is the New Testament name for the Feast of Weeks (Ex. 34:22-23), or Harvest (Ex 23:16), which was celebrated fifty days after Passover. In post-exilic Judaism, it also celebrated the giving of the Law of Moses. The Spirit’s coming on that day was linked to the pattern of feasts in the Old Testament.

God’s redemptive New Testament timetable is pictured in the feasts of Leviticus 23. The first great feast mentioned in that chapter is Passover. The killing of the Passover lamb pictured the death of Jesus Christ, the ultimate Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7). A second feast was the Feast of Unleavened Bread, celebrated on the day after Passover. During that feast, an offering of the first fruits of the grain harvest was made. Leviticus 23:15 commands that offering to be made on the day after the Sabbath... Hence, the day the first fruits were offered would have been on Sunday. That provides an apt picture of the Lord Jesus Christ’s resurrection as the ‘first fruits of those who are asleep’ (1 Cor. 15:20).

Fifty days after the first Sunday following Passover, the Feast of Pentecost was celebrated (Lev. 23:15ff). At Pentecost, another offering of first fruits was made (Lev. 23:20). Completing the cycle of the typical fulfillment of the feasts, the Spirit came on Pentecost as the first fruits of the believers’ inheritance (cf. 2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14). Further, those gathered into the church on that day were the first fruits of the full harvest of believers to come.”

--John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Acts 1-12*

Suggested Resources:

Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit by Francis Chan
The Holy Spirit (The Gospel Coalition Booklets) by Kevin DeYoung
Baptism and Fullness: The Work of the Holy Spirit Today by John Stott