



Growth Group Questions

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“Amazed and Perplexed”

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-2

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Acts 2:1-13

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Galatians 3:26-28

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

John 15:26-16:2

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

16 “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God.

Ezekiel 37:1-3

¹ The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

Revelation 22:17

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the significance of the location and timing of the events Luke relates in Acts 2:1-13?
2. Last week, we studied Acts 1:1-11. How does this week’s main scripture passage (Acts 2:1-13) relate to the promises made by Jesus in Acts 1:1-11?
3. In Acts 2:1-13, Luke describes an incredibly dramatic scene that must have been both terrifying and exhilarating. What do you think it would have felt like to be one of the disciples who were there?
4. Two of the phenomena that accompany the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1-14 are wind and fire. What significance do these images have in the Bible? What does this tell us about the Holy Spirit?
5. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
6. How can we cultivate a greater sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in our lives?

7. What does it mean that we are all one in Christ? (Galatians 3:28)
8. Pastor Paul said that we are to see each person we meet as a child of God. What does that mean to you?
9. How might our behaviors change if we truly saw others as children of God?

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. Where do you need to experience the power of the Holy Spirit's restoring power? Are you praying for that?
2. When was the last time you talked about your faith with someone? Is there someone near you who needs to know about "why" you follow Jesus?