When The Fire Fell

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III. The Church is a powerful _______. [18-20]

The Fire That Fell Then Still Sets Us Ablaze Today!

For Group Discussion

Personal

- 1. What was a fun thing you got to do this summer?
- 2. How have you grown spiritually over the summer?
- 3. What do you like most about the fall time in Central Oregon?

From the Sermon: "When The Fire Fell" [Acts 2:1-47]

- I. When the Spirit sets fire, the gospel Is powerfully preached (vv.1–36)
 - 1. What stands out to you about the Spirit's role in Peter's sermon at Pentecost? How does this compare with his fearfulness before the resurrection (Luke 22:54–62)?
 - 2. Why do you think the Spirit enabled the gospel to be heard in many languages? How does this show God's heart for the nations?
 - 3. How does the Spirit still empower ordinary believers today to share the gospel with clarity and boldness? Share a time you've seen or experienced this.
- II. When the Spirit sets fire, people are powerfully convicted (vv.37–41)
 - 1. What do you notice about the people's response to Peter's message ("cut to the heart")? What does true conviction look like compared to mere emotionalism, guilt or regret?
 - 2. Why is repentance inseparable from faith in Christ? How does the Spirit bring both conviction and comfort?
 - 3. Think about your own journey—when have you experienced being "cut to the heart"? How did the Spirit use that moment to draw you closer to Jesus?
- III. When the Spirit sets fire, the Church is a powerful community (vv.42–47)
 - 1. What rhythms of community stand out to you in vv.42–47 (teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayer, generosity)? Which of these are strongest in our group? Which might the Spirit be calling us to strengthen?
 - 2. How does radical generosity and shared life reflect the Spirit's presence? In what ways might God be calling us to deeper generosity?
 - 3. The passage says they had "glad and sincere hearts." How does the Spirit cultivate joy and authenticity in community, and what threatens it?

Application

- 1. Which part of Acts 2 speaks most directly to your life right now—bold witness, deep conviction, or authentic community?
- 2. What specific step will you take this week to live in the fire of the Spirit?
- 3. Pray together that the same fire that fell then would set your group, your church, and your city ablaze today.