

# FIVE EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE CHURCH

## PENTECOST: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Intro:

While the day of Pentecost was an actual event in an actual place and time almost 2,000 years ago, the spiritual significance that it has for us today is almost unspeakable. For in this moment, God released His Spirit into the world. This Spirit that Jesus had spoken of so many times had now come. And, though Jesus was now gone, the Holy Spirit had come to be the Great Comforter, their guide, their source of peace.

### Getting Started:

Have someone read Acts 2:1-13.

1. How would you have reacted to witnessing something like this happening? What thoughts and emotions would race through your mind? Do you relate more with those who were amazed or more with those who mocked?
2. Have you ever had an experience with the Spirit that really rocked you? Really shook you to the core? Tell us about it.

Now have someone read Acts 2:42-47

1. What are some attributes that come to mind when you think of a person who is filled with the Holy Spirit?
2. How has your religious background (or lack of one) shaped the way you think about what it means to be a follower of Jesus?

3. Talk about things in your life that are weighing you down... holding you back. Behaviors, thoughts, etc. that you have tried and tried to surrender but haven't been able to... completely.
4. Do you live from a posture of confidence and strength that comes from drawing from the Spirit that resides within you?
5. What practices do you have in your life that help you to be aware of the Spirit of God living within you?

I am convinced that living by the Spirit is a momentary discipline. A constant conversation. A continual awareness that the Creator of the Universe lives within us in the form of the Holy Spirit.

How can we help each other to continually be aware of the Spirit that lives in us? How can we point each other to an intentionality in our day-to-day that leads to a constant conversation with our Father?