



Sermon Discussion Guide - Commissioned WITH Jesus

Primary Texts: Acts 2:1–47; Matthew 28:18–20

Introduction

Pentecost marked the moment the Holy Spirit empowered ordinary believers to live out the mission of Jesus. The early church was not built merely on gatherings or religious activity, but on transformed lives, authentic fellowship, prayer, generosity, and mission. This discussion guide explores what it means to live WITH Jesus in a way that also connects us deeply WITH others.

1. The Holy Spirit Empowers Ordinary People

Read: Acts 2:1–8

The disciples went from fearfully hiding to boldly proclaiming the gospel because the Holy Spirit filled and empowered them.

Questions

- What differences do you notice in the disciples before and after Pentecost?
- Why is it significant that God used ordinary people to begin the church?
- What fears or insecurities can keep believers from living boldly today?
- How can we become more dependent on the Holy Spirit instead of relying on ourselves?

2. Spiritual Growth Happens in Community

Read: Acts 2:42–47

The early church devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship (*koinónia*), prayer, worship, and caring for one another.

Questions

- Which aspect of the early church community stands out most to you?
- Why do you think authentic spiritual growth requires relationships with others?
- What is the difference between attending church and truly living in biblical community?
- Who are the people that know you deeply and encourage your faith regularly?

3. Jesus Calls Us Beyond Spiritual Activity

Read: Matthew 28:18–20

The sermon emphasized that many believers stall spiritually at religious activity without moving into surrender, transformation, and disciple-making.

Questions

- Why is it possible to be active in church but still spiritually stagnant?
- What does surrender to God practically look like in everyday life?
- What are some signs that someone is growing deeper spiritually?
- How can accountability and community help us continue maturing in Christ?

4. The Church Is Called to Live Missionally

Read: Acts 2:44–47

The early believers demonstrated the gospel through generosity, compassion, joy, and visible care for others.

Questions

- What does it mean to live “on mission” in everyday life?
- How can generosity become a powerful witness to others?
- What needs or opportunities do you see around you where your group could serve?
- What is one practical step you or your group could take this month to impact someone outside the church?

Takeaway

Acts 2 shows what happens when believers fully embrace the mission of Jesus together. The Holy Spirit empowers us not only to grow personally, but to live in authentic community, pursue transformation, and help others encounter Christ. Jesus commissions His church to move beyond attendance into a life of fellowship, discipleship, generosity, and mission.

If you see this... text Pastor Marc the following phrase for a fun surprise. “Commission WITH Jesus pays off!”