

Church is a people of POWER - Acts 2

Questions to consider and discuss:

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What is your experience of the Holy Spirit?
- How would you describe the activity of God's Spirit in the:
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
- Are there times when you find it easier to be open to the Holy Spirit? What makes it easier?
- Are there times when you find it harder to be open to the Holy Spirit? What makes it harder?
- Read some of the passages where Jesus promises the Holy Spirit:
 - John 7. 38-39
 - John 14. 16-18, 25-27
 - John 15. 26-27
 - John 16. 7-11, 13
 - Acts 1. 4-8
 - John 20.22

What do you learn about these promises?

What does it require of us to receive the Holy Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit equip us for?

How can we share with others what the Holy Spirit gives to us?

What are some of the names and functions given to the Holy Spirit?

Which ones resonate the closest to you? Why?

- Among other descriptions, Holy Spirit is likened to a living water, wind and fire. What do these descriptions tell us about the Spirit of God? How does this speak to you?
- Take some time to wait on the Lord, using this simple prayer 'Come Holy Spirit'. You may want to open your hands as a sign of openness to receive to be filled with the Holy Spirit. What do you sense? Is God saying something specific to you? Giving you a picture? A Bible verse? A sensation of some kind?
- Take time to be still, to receive, to listen. Allow him space to minister to you. And write down what you sense God might be saying. It might be something to you personally, or something you sense he is saying to you concerning St James. It's worth writing it down as it is so easy to forget, and dismiss what God is saying. Thank him for his work in us.
- How is He asking you to respond?