

WELCOME

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Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning worship, community gatherings throughout the week, and the ministries we serve in.

FALL MESSAGE SERIES

'CHURCH'

A Study Through the Book of Acts

This week's message:

CHURCH: Empowered

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost: the day the Church was born with the power to continue the ministry of Jesus.

1st Evidence: HEARING WIND (see *1 Kings 19:11; Ezekiel 37:9*)

2nd Evidence: SEEING FIRE (see *Exodus 3:2; 13:21; Isaiah 30:27*)

3rd Evidence: ordinary men and women empowered for ministry

Our Understanding of the Holy Spirit: (see insert)

- He is the third PERSON of the Triune God.
- He INDWELLS ALL believers of Christ.
- His work in and through us includes:
 1. Our SALVATION
 2. Our SPIRITUAL GROWTH
 3. Our CHURCH
 4. Our EMPOWERMENT for MINISTRY.

If we believe in Jesus Christ, we have the Holy Spirit's GUIDANCE.
But His POWER will be experienced and shown as we STAND UP.

This Week's Reading Through Acts:

Sunday	Acts 14	Tuesday	Acts 16	Friday	Acts 19
Monday	Acts 15	Wednesday	Acts 17	Saturday	Acts 20
		Thursday	Acts 18		

Community Group Discussion Guide

Read Acts 2:1-21. If you missed Sunday's message, listen online.

Discuss Sunday's message:

- ◆ What did you like about Sunday's message? What did you find challenging? Was there something you struggled with?
- ◆ Luke wrote the Book of Acts as "a biblical narrative." Discuss what that means, and how it impacts the application of our reading.
- ◆ Discuss your understanding of *Acts 2:1-4*. Do we expect such manifestations of the Holy Spirit? Why or why not? Is the Holy Spirit less powerful today if we don't experience him in wind, fire, tongues or shaking rooms?
- ◆ Review the included Scriptures. What is your understanding of the Holy Spirit? How have you experienced his work in your own life?
- ◆ Briefly glance through *Acts 2:22-41*. What is the main point of Peter's sermon? How did the Spirit's power open people's hearts to the gospel? How might the Spirit's power in you do the same?

Practicing What We've Preached:

- ▶ How are you living by the Holy Spirit? In what ways might you be grieving him or quenching his work?
- ▶ How are you seeking God's guidance daily? Are you going through some pivotal situation right now? How are you seeking direction?
- ▶ How are you experiencing the Holy Spirit's power? If you are not, is there something you need to step forward in, trusting the Holy Spirit for power? How can you step forward as a group?

Have you been reading through Acts? What additional questions or insights do you have from your reading?

MORE NOTES: _____
