

## **Accessing The Power Of The Holy Spirit**

### **Sermon Based Life Group Notes for the week of October 7**

#### Getting To Know Each Other

- What was the craziest, most disturbing, religious activity you have ever seen?
- Have you ever experienced a God given miracle in your life?

#### Into the Bible

##### Read Acts 1:4-11

- What were the disciples waiting for?
- What did the disciples think would be the benefit of receiving the Holy Spirit? Verse 6
- What did Jesus say the main benefit was? Verse 8
- How did Jesus describe the coming of the Holy Spirit? See John 14:26
- Application: How do you need the Spirit to help you? How has He helped you?

##### Read Acts 2:1-17

- What was Pentecost? Why did God wait for this holiday to give the Holy Spirit?
- How far have the religious pilgrims come to visit Jerusalem?
- Why did God give the ability to speak other languages to the disciples?
- What did the crowd think of this strange occurrence?
- What did Peter say to teach the crowd? Verse 41 describes what the outcome was.
- Application: When have you felt supernaturally empowered to serve Him?

##### Read John 7:38-39

- What word picture did Jesus use to describe being filled with the Spirit?
- Read Galatians 5:22-23. How will our life change if we are living in the “river”?
- Read Galatians 5:25. How do we stay in the “river”?
- Application: Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Application: Where have you found it easy to dwell in the “river”?

##### Read Acts 3:1-10

- How had being filled by the Holy Spirit changed the disciples? What did they do?
- Read verses 11-12. What was the crowd thinking? What does Peter say to them?
- Read Acts 4:1-4. How did the religious leaders react?
- Read Acts 4:8-10. How did Peter respond to them? Was he timid or bold?
- Read Acts 4:18-22. What was the religious leaders’ final decision?
- Read Acts 4:29-31. What happened when the disciples were back together?
- Application: From this study, what aspect of the Holy Spirit is most striking to you?
- Application: Would you consider your Christian witness bold or timid?
- Application: What is the most persecution you have experienced due to your faith?
- Application: How did you react to the persecution? Hide? Respond? Pray?