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#### Discussion Questions:

1. Talk together about your understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and what his ministry looks like. Jesus told the disciples it was better for him to go so that the Spirit could come. Why would the Holy Spirit be a superior companion for the church?
2. Read Acts 2:1-4. What words, phrases, or events stick out to you in this passage? Share any insights the Spirit might be giving you.
3. Pentecost was the 50th day after the Passover. It is when the Israelites received the law from God through Moses on Mt. Sinai. It was also an agricultural festival where the first fruits of the grain harvest would come in. The people would offer this as a sacrifice to God in thanks. This also involved praying for the continued health of the rest of the harvest. How does the coming of the Holy Spirit point back to these events?
4. The Spirit came in a violent wind, and a roaring flame. Talk about how fire and wind have been associated with God's presence in the past. Does the particular action of the wind or the flames mean anything significant?
5. Jesus' followers waited for ten days after the Ascension for the Holy Spirit to fall. Was there purpose to the waiting? If so, what do you think it was?
6. As the tongues of flame fell on the believers, they began speaking fluently in foreign language. This spiritual gift of tongues can be a hotly debated issue with in the church. What's your understanding of its purpose while only using the context of the second chapter of Acts? Has anyone had experience with this gift whether personally or witnessed? Would you be willing to share your thoughts?
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