

FBC Small-Group Materials

Week of May 14th, 2006
Acts 2:1-4, 14; He's Gone, Now What

For Small-Group Leaders

"The continuing miracle that continues to astonish is that the same breath (life) of God that created heavens and earth, that validated and blessed Jesus, is now being breathed into ordinary men and women and formed into words that continue to give witness to God's Genesis-creation and Jesus-salvation."

Eugene Peterson, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*

Dear Leaders,

Growing up, when I found myself in trouble with my parents, I might just hear the question of contempt, "What's gotten into you?" It was not a question I enjoyed hearing. It usually was an indication that something had radically changed in my behavior, as if something mysterious had entered my body and exerted its control over me. The question is quite appropriate for this week's study. Something "got" into those disciples of Jesus. Something, or should I say, someone, has gotten a hold of them.

Blessings to you,

Scott

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Discussion Starters:

- **Metamorphosis:** Share an example of radical change from Creation (aka nature).
- **Transforming:** Did you notice a change in yourself after coming to Christ? If so, what changed?

Discussion Questions:

Introduction: Read Acts 2:1-14 together (focus on verses 1-4 and 14).

1. If you were a reporter for a local newspaper and were on the scene to witness the event of Acts 2, what would you have noted?
2. What were the different reactions to this event? What is your reaction?
3. Why do you think Luke emphasizes the multicultural makeup of the crowd?
4. What does Luke seem to be saying about the Holy Spirit's coming?
5. Read Acts 2:14-21 and Luke 22:54-62. When Luke wrote the book of Acts, there is no doubt that he had Luke 22 in mind. As you contrast these two pictures of Peter, what explains the remarkable difference?
6. How does Peter explain the amazing event that we know as Pentecost?
7. Please Read Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:6-9. What do we learn about the purpose of the Holy Spirit from these texts? Does his influence appear to be primarily for our personal comfort and consolation, or for ministry?

Getting Personal:

1. When have you seen and experienced the work of the Spirit in your life and Christian community?
2. If the Holy Spirit's presence was withdrawn from our church (or home group), what difference would it make?
3. How do we go about making ourselves, our church, our home group attentive to his leading?

Putting it into Practice:

Pray together asking the Holy Spirit to lead and strengthen your group for his purposes.