

# Sermon starter for Acts 2:1-12

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When the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost, the immediate burst of new life was incalculable. As the followers of Jesus were faithfully gathered per their regular routine, the promise of Jesus was fulfilled: “I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. It will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me” (John 15:26, NLT).

The abundance of God’s presence couldn’t be contained, spilling out from the body of believers into the surrounding community, drawing everyone in by the commotion. Like a chain reaction, every person heard the wonders of God in a language they understood. Amazed—both that the barrier of language was removed and by the wonders of God that were heard—they asked, “What does this mean?”

As we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and reaffirm the movement of God among us, questions related “What does this mean?” are still worth our consideration:

- When we gather as the body of Christ, how does our life together allow the Spirit of God to rekindle our faith and energize us for ministry?
- What signs of the Holy Spirit are visible within our church? Within our community?
- What distractions could we set aside to more effectively move in the Spirit?
- How does our way of living invite others to experience the love of God?
- Who is Christ calling us to (re)invite to the table of fellowship?
- What fresh expression of love and wonder does your neighborhood and community need to hear or receive?
- How can we be part of the ever-expanding work of the Holy Spirit?

As you consider these questions during this season of Pentecost, and declare afresh the wonders of God, we pray that you and your congregation will be filled with new life.