

HIGHLANDS SMALL GROUPS

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Big Idea

In this message, Pastor Chris explained the meaning of Pentecost. In the Old Testament, a cloud descended with loud noise and fire, and God wrote His law on tablets of stone. Pentecost became a celebration of the giving of the Ten Commandments. The Bible says that in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit descended with loud noise and fire, and God wrote His law on people's hearts. While the principles are the same, the difference is that one is external, and one is internal. God knew our hearts needed to be changed and that without the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, nothing would change. Only God can change a heart!

The day before Jesus' crucifixion, He told His disciples that God would send the Holy Spirit and gave five ways we can receive the Holy Spirit if we embrace Him and invite Him to come. First, the Holy Spirit will comfort us and give us peace in a way the world never will. We just have to look for it. Second, the Holy Spirit will reveal Truth to us by teaching us through His Word and presence. Next, the the Holy Spirit will use us by testifying Jesus through us. We have the opportunity to represent Him well. The Holy Spirit will also convict us when He comes, by pointing out anything in us that isn't right. With grace, God convicts us, but He never condemns us. Finally, the Holy Spirit will guide us. In today's world, we all need a guide. Let's invite Him to come!

Discussion Questions

- In what ways do you feel you have received the Holy Spirit?
- In what ways do you feel like you need to invite the Holy Spirit to come?
- In what ways do you think you can look for and find comfort in the Holy Spirit?

Prayer Focus

God, I pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on me and on the earth. Holy Spirit, comfort me, reveal Your Truth to me, testify through me, convict me and guide me.

Next Steps

Only God can change a heart. This week spend some time asking God to reveal any ways your heart may need to change. Repent and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you from where you are, to where you need to be.

Leader Tip

Think of how the role of the Holy Spirit operates in your life. By leading with an example, encourage your group to embrace the Holy Spirit in the five ways mentioned above.

