

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA**

We believe the Holy Spirit is God himself taking up residence in us to empower us to follow King Jesus in the ways of his Kingdom.

**SCRIPTURE**

Joel 2:28-29, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4, John 14:15-21,

**OPENING QUESTIONS**

1. Statistics show that, as humans, we show interest in the supernatural. Why do you think that is?
2. When you hear about the Holy Spirit, what comes to mind? Is the Holy Spirit a topic that is familiar or new to you? Explain.

**BIBLE DISCUSSION**

3. Read John 14:15-17. Here Jesus is talking to his disciples and tells them that the Father will send another advocate. Why do you think this is significant for the disciples? What does Jesus mean when he says “another advocate”?
4. There are a few passages that represent the Spirit as a dove, wind, and fire. But we are learning that the Spirit is a person. How does that change your view of the Spirit?
5. In Genesis 1, we are told the Spirit was present at creation, Joel 2:28-29 foretold about the pouring of the Spirit, and then we see it happen in Acts 2. This is a promise for you and me. What comes to mind as you know that the Spirit is in you? What emotions or thoughts arise from knowing this?
6. Read Acts 1:8. What does it mean to have the power of God? Where have you seen it present?

**LIFE APPLICATION**

7. Take a moment and reflect: what’s something new that I learned about the Holy Spirit today? Please take a moment and write them down. How can you be more open to the Holy Spirit in your life?
8. Based on what I learned today, what needs to change in me? What is God asking me to do as a response to the Spirit?