

# 02 THE SPIRIT EMPOWERS

KEY TEXT: ACTS 2:1-12,36-38

## CENTRAL truth

Jesus remained faithful to His promise to send the Holy Spirit. God would now dwell with His people in a new way and create a new Jesus-centered community. **The Holy Spirit empowers Jesus's people** to delight in God and live as members within His kingdom.

## key question

**Through the Spirit, God resides within us. How should this shape the way we live?**

The Holy Spirit indwells the people of God, sealing us into His family and empowering us to follow Jesus. We are not left to our own devices but given all we need, through Him, to enjoy God and live a life that's pleasing to Him. What good news for the believer!

## keep in mind

- The disciples were indwelt by the Spirit and given the gift of tongues. There is ongoing debate within the Christian community about this gift, but the main point that students should leave with is that the Spirit granted the gift of tongues to draw people of different ethnic groups and backgrounds to Jesus. Please use the **Context Note** provided within the session content to help you in this discussion.
- Peter commanded his audience to respond to the good news of Jesus through repentance and baptism. We often think of repentance as having a negative connotation. Help students see that repentance is both a command and an invitation to orient our lives around the Lord. It is good news that we have the opportunity to turn from our sin and be reconciled to Him.

## application

**Baptism reminds us of the gospel. Why is it important for us to continually remember the good news of Jesus?**

## the win

**FOR THE STUDENT:** When it comes to following Jesus, we are not left to our own devices. Students need to be encouraged with the truth that the Holy Spirit dwells within them, enabling them to live as members of God's kingdom as they invite others to participate, too.

**FOR THE LEADER:** In some contexts, the role of the Holy Spirit is shrouded in mystery. Leaders have an opportunity to give students more clarity around the third Person of the Trinity and how Scripture helps us to understand His role.

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