

INTRO

Have you ever tried to do something important while running on very little energy—physically, emotionally, or mentally? What happened? How did it affect your ability to accomplish what you needed to do?

In his sermon, Bert compared the Christian life to trying to get through the day with a phone battery at 3%. Pentecost reminds us that God never intended us to live the Christian life in our own strength.

READ

- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:1–18
- Acts 2:36–39

REFLECT

The two main points of the sermon were that Pentecost reminds us that:

#1 God never intended us to live life without - “the power of the Holy Spirit.”

#2 “The Church is never built on human talent but on - “the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Choose a couple of these questions to discuss:

Qu: What stood out to you most from the story of Pentecost in Acts 2?

Qu: The early church had no buildings, money, political influence, or social power. What does their example teach us about how God builds His Church?

Qu: Share how you were first baptised with the Holy Spirit.

RESPOND

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was not a one-time experience. Three more examples were given of the importance for all believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 8, 10 & 19).

Peter declared that the promise of the Holy Spirit is "for you and your children and for all who are far off."

Qu: Acts 2:38 highlights three foundational responses to the gospel: repentance, water baptism, and receiving the Holy Spirit. Which of these foundations has had the greatest impact on your spiritual journey? Are there any missing in your life?

Qu: Are you in need of a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Qu: How can our small group and church become more dependent on the Holy Spirit rather than on human effort, talent, or programs?

PRAY

- Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to fill each person afresh with the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for strength to live faithfully and boldly for Christ.
- Ask God to empower us to be His witnesses in our families, workplaces, communities, and among the nations.
- Pray that our church would be built not on human talent but on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.