

Encounter these verses today:

*circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...*



Acts 1, 2 :: The Promise & Arrival of the Holy Spirit

1:3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. **4** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. **5** For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



April 15, 2012 | Pastor Terry Bate

Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father has promised, which you have heard me speak about. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses."

Acts 1:4,7 (NIV)

Getting up to speed ...

Jesus stayed with the disciples for how many days?

Who replaced Judas?

How many believers were there at this point?

The Holy Spirit appeared when?

What did the believers know about the Holy Spirit before this time actually took place?

What did Jesus tell his followers the Holy Spirit would do for them?

How are we changed by the Holy Spirit's presence?



Miss Something? That's okay!!
You can download this sermon at flushingcommunity.org

Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 04.16.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: John 14:15-31

Insight: Jesus was clear in his time with the believers about the coming of the Holy Spirit. As they heard his words this day, I wonder if they could full grasp all that he was teaching. Judas was obviously worried about Jesus being known to all—not waiting on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide him.

Questions for Consideration:

- Can you identify with Judas' question to Jesus here?
- Jesus connects our love for him and our obedience to the call of the Holy Spirit. So, how much are you loving Jesus today?

Tuesday: 04.17.2012

Prayer Focus: FCC Church Leadership

Passage: Ephesians 6:10-18

Insight: In this classic passage about the armor of the believer, Paul uses the imagery of the sword to explain the role of the Spirit in our lives. Of all the articles of clothing and armor that are described, do you find that an interesting connection?

Questions for Consideration:

- What does it tell us about the role of the Holy Spirit in our life as believers?
- How do you think we are to "pray in the Spirit" as Paul encourages us to do in this passage?

Wednesday: 04.18.2012

Prayer Focus: Don't forget about Boost tonight!

Passage: Matthew 3:1-12

Insight: Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would come after him and be sent by His Father. John the Baptist, while speaking about the Messiah, mentions that Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. Is there a discrepancy here in your mind?

Questions for Consideration:

- Knowing that the Holy Spirit brings boldness and spiritual fervor, how do we explain John's boldness if the Holy Spirit has not yet come?
- Have you experienced the Holy Spirit like a rushing water over you (like baptism)?

Thursday: 04.19.2012

Prayer Focus: The sick and recovering (iPray)

Passage: Acts 3

Insight: This is an amazing scene from the early church experience. Peter and John have both been a part of some amazing experiences over the past 3 years but this the first specific healing that that is recorded by the hand of the disciples without Jesus' help. I can imagine that Peter's growing in confidence with every moment.

Questions for Consideration:

- What role do you see the Holy Spirit playing in the healing of the crippled man?
- What role do you see the Holy Spirit playing in Peter's speech?

Friday: 04.20.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services (4/22)

Passage: John 21:15-19

Insight: Let's turn our focus toward this Sunday. Not only did the Holy Spirit have a critical role in the mission of the early church, but these men and women had to learn how to love each other in crazy new ways. The Greek word for this kind of love is "agape" which means "unconditional and without end."

Questions for Consideration:

- List those you love: how many of them do you love unconditionally?
- As Jesus asks Peter about his agape love, can you feel Peter's shame and Jesus saying "It's okay—I love you enough."?

Wednesday Night

BOOST

It's not too late to
join our spring
session!

Now - May 23

Ladies: "Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore. Discover what faith in Jesus can do for you as you journey through the book of James!

Men: Utilizing the Life Application Bible Study, we are going to journey through the book of James. Join us at the Salem's home.

The Book of Acts: Mike DeVuyst will be leading a great discussion on the book of Acts. Discover great insight into the early church!

Children: Will be looking the Lord's prayer and Club 56 will be going through the book of Daniel.

Youth: Will be meeting at Pastor Joel's and going through the Mosaic Experiment looking at ancient practices of faith.