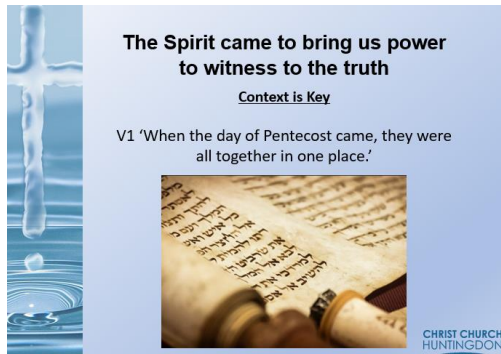


## Dig Deeper into Acts 2: 1-13 personal study and life groups


### The Spirit came to bring us power to witness to the truth



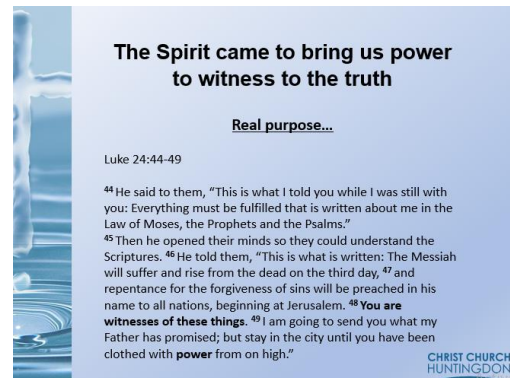
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Context is Key

V1 'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.'



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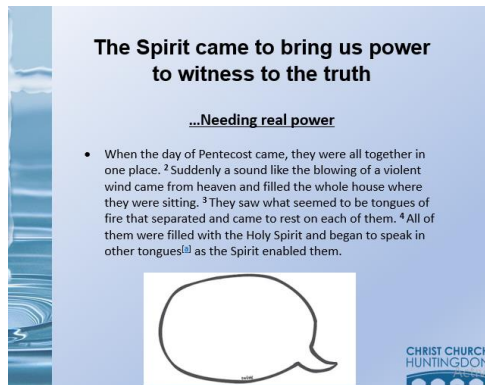
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Real purpose...

Luke 24:44-49

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."  
<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>**You are witnesses of these things.** <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with **power** from on high."

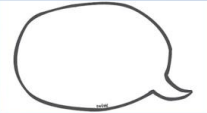
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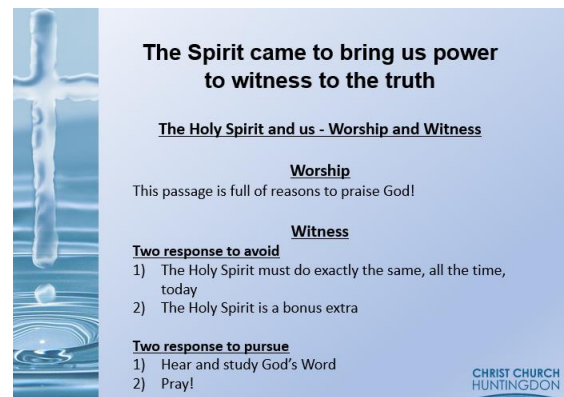
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...Needing real power

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



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The Holy Spirit and us - Worship and Witness

Worship

This passage is full of reasons to praise God!

Witness

Two response to avoid

- 1) The Holy Spirit must do exactly the same, all the time, today
- 2) The Holy Spirit is a bonus extra

Two response to pursue

- 1) Hear and study God's Word
- 2) Pray!

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### Summary of the sermon this week

- 1) Context is Key**  
From Passover to Pentecost; God keeps his promise to gift the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Real purpose**  
The Holy Spirit came to bring us power to witness to the truth of God's kingdom and God's king
- 3) Needing real power**  
The Holy Spirit came to bring us power to witness to the truth of God's kingdom and God's king
- 4) The Holy Spirit and us –Worship and witness**  
See slide above!

### Questions to think about.

- 1) When you think about the Holy Spirit, what comes to mind? What emotions does he evoke?
- 2) Did anything surprise you from the passage?
- 3) How does this passage show that the Holy Spirit was gifted to the disciples so that they could witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus?
- 4) Do you have any questions about the Holy Spirit, that this passage does not answer, that would be helpful to consider in a Biblical overview of the Holy Spirit? (**Leaders, please collect questions for the Biblical overview talk on the Holy Spirit**)
- 5) How does God show himself to be praiseworthy from this passage? (Then spend some time in prayer praising Him!)
- 6) How could we be in danger of misapplying this passage? (Discuss the two responses to avoid)
- 7) How should we apply this passage in the weeks and years to come? (Discuss two responses to pursue)
- 8) For whom or in what situations would you like to pray for the power to witness to the truth of God's kingdom and God's king?