

DAY OF PENTECOST



Leader Conversation Guide – Day of Pentecost

Main Idea

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. We recognize that we all come from different church backgrounds, and some may even have no church background. Pentecost is one of 3 Jewish holidays: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. In this message, Pastor Curt unpacked what the Day of Pentecost is all about, and how the Holy Spirit empowers believers to live in the fullness of Christ.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast."

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

Make It Practical: The Holy Spirit Empowers Me...

- To live righteously. Our lives change from, “I have to live this way”, to, “I want to live this way.” We don’t live our lives by the principles of the Bible out of duty, but delight. Romans 8:9 tells us, “You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.”
- To live supernaturally. A life that we can’t explain. It doesn’t have to be goofy and weird to believe that God still does miracles. We need to be more than a church that just shows up on Sunday. We need to be known for more than great preaching, lively music, and good coffee. Let’s be a church that is full of power! Your marriage can be healed. You can experience freedom from your addiction. Your body can be healed. We read in Acts 10:38, “And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”
- To live on mission. If you want a church that’s just for you, this may not be the church for you. If you are comfortable just showing up on Sunday, you will probably be uncomfortable at Victory Church. The church is not a spectator sport. If you belong to Jesus, you are on the team! We are a church on mission! Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 1:5, “Our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.”

Talk About It

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and how can we experience this fullness?
- How can the Holy Spirit's empowerment enable you to serve the church and those around you?

**“Being filled with the Holy Spirit
doesn't make me better than you,
it makes me better than me.”**

-JOHN BEVERE

Prayer

Father, thank You for Your gift of life. Help me to not waste the life you have given me with the temptations of the world, but to serve you with wholeness and righteousness. Holy Spirit, empower me to do the work I am called to in this life, and continue to transform me to be more like you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Encourage Group members to become part of a Freedom Group next semester and attend Freedom Conference to learn more about the power of the Holy Spirit and how He works in our lives.