



DIGGING DEEPER

Seek a Higher Power

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LEAN IN

- Think about a time you tried to handle something in your own strength and ran out of steam. What happened? What did that reveal about your tendency to rely on yourself?

LOOK UP – Observation, Interpretation, Application (OIA)

Read Together: Acts 2:1–4, 36–47

OBSERVATION – What Does the Text Say?

- What do you notice about the sights and sounds that accompanied the arrival of the Holy Spirit?
- Who was present at Pentecost, and how did the crowd respond to what they witnessed?
- What does Peter call the crowd to do in response to his message?
- What do you notice about how the early church lived together after Pentecost?
- What are you curious about in this passage?

INTERPRETATION – What Does the Passage Mean?

- Why do you think God chose Pentecost — a Jewish harvest celebration — as the moment to send the Holy Spirit?
- What is the significance of the disciples speaking in the languages of people from every nation? What might God be communicating about who this mission is for?
- What does it mean to repent? How is that different from just feeling sorry?
- What does this passage teach us about God's character — His power, His inclusivity, His timing?
- What do you learn about humanity — our need, our tendency toward self-reliance, our longing for community?

APPLICATION – What Does the Passage Mean?

- Where in your life are you currently relying on your own strength instead of the Holy Spirit's power?
- Eric said "surrender unlocks spiritual power." What does surrender practically look like for you this week?
- The early church was marked by teaching, fellowship, generosity, and prayer. Which of those feels most alive in your life right now? Which feels most lacking?
- What would it look like for you to be a witness — not just someone who believes, but someone who reproduces what they know and experience — among the people in your everyday life?

REFLECT

- We described a disciple as someone who "learns to hear God's voice and do what He says." On a scale of 1–10, how consistently are you doing that right now? What's getting in the way?
- Is there an area where God has already spoken to you — something He's asked you to do — that you've been putting off? What would it look like to take one step toward obedience this week?

Scripture References

- Acts 2:1–4, 36–47
- Matthew 28:18–20
- Ephesians 1:13–14; 2:8–9
- 1 Corinthians 6:19
- Colossians 2:6–7
- Romans 8:9

STEP OUT – Practice This Week

Here are a few ways to walk this out this week:

1. **Daily Surrender** - Start each morning with a simple prayer: "Holy Spirit, I can't do today on my own. Lead me." Notice where that changes how you respond to people and circumstances throughout the day.
2. **Find Your Acorn & Reflect** — inside an acorn is an entire forest. What has God placed in you that you've been underestimating? Write it down and pray over it this week.
3. **Reproduce Something Good** - Identify one person in your life — a coworker, neighbor, or friend — and take one intentional step toward them this week. A text, a meal, a conversation. Be a witness where you already are.