



After Jesus ascends to heaven, on Pentecost, God pours his Spirit on his people. He now lives inside them. The Spirit empowers this community, the church, to spread God's kingdom to the world.

Video Summary

After his resurrection and just before ascending to heaven, Jesus tells his followers to wait in Jerusalem to receive the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, God pours out his Spirit on his people.

God who lived with his people in the Garden, the Tabernacle and the Temple now lives in his people. We can now be connected and close to God, having our lives transformed by his beauty, life and light from the inside out.

This community of people brought into God's kingdom by King Jesus and his Spirit is the church.

God's kingdom is no longer restricted to the nation of Israel but is open to all nations as God originally intended. The kingdom is for everyone. The church begins to spread God's kingdom across language barriers, borders and cultures. The kingdom is for everywhere.

The Spirit empowers the church to witness about Jesus. The church is blessed under God's rule and is a blessing as they expand and spread God's kingdom to the ends of the world. This is the part of the story we are living in.

Discussion Questions

- 1** God now lives in his people by his Spirit, transforming lives from the inside out. If you are a Christian, how have you experienced this inner transformation?
- 2** Are there groups of people you instinctively avoid or feel unconnected to? Where might God be calling you to cross a boundary to love someone different from you (e.g. social, cultural, generational)? How can you be intentional about crossing boundaries, welcoming outsiders and building friendships?
- 3** What is the difference between being empowered to witness about Jesus and spread God's kingdom, rather than simply being expected to? In what specific areas do you need to be empowered by the Spirit?
- 4** In what relationships, spaces, or situations could you witness about Jesus? What are some practical ways you and your group can do this together?

Bible Passages for Further Study

Acts 1:1-11 — Jesus tells his disciples to wait for the Spirit who will empower them to witness to the world

Acts 2:1-41 — God pours out his Spirit on the day of Pentecost and Peter preaches, offering forgiveness and the Spirit to everyone who believes

