

## Moved by the Spirit - Acts 2:1-41

### Introduction

Q: Share about a time when you did something only to think later, "Why in the world did I do that?"

### The Holy Spirit

**Read:** *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.*

Q: Before this happened, what do you believe the Apostles were thinking? What do you believe they were waiting for?

Q: When the Spirit came like "violent wind and tongues of fire" what do you believe happened to the disciples? Did anything change in them?

### Activated

**Read:** *5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"*

Q: What is the significance of everyone able to hear "their own language spoken?"

Q: Put yourself in the crowd of people who had gone to Jerusalem for a festival, what would you think as you witness these events?

Q: Try to answer the question in verse 12, "What does this mean?"

## The Renewing Work

**Read:** 13 *Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."*

14 *Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:*

17 *"In the last days, God says,*

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*

*Your sons and daughters will prophesy,*

*your young men will see visions,*

*your old men will dream dreams...*

Q: When Peter quotes Joel in verse 17 and says, "In the last days," what does he mean? What did Keith say marked the "last days."

Q: Sin can be described as, "Human beings organized against God." We dis-order our true affections. Do You agree with this? How are we "organized against God" and how do we disorder our true affections?

Q: How does the Spirit promise to change this? What would that look like?

## On the Move

**Read:** 37 *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"*

38 *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

Q: Why were the people listening to "cut to the heart?"

Q: Has there ever been an instance when you were cut to the heart? When did that come about? What was your response to that event?

Q: Last week we ended by asking 2 questions, "How is God moving in you? And where is he moving you to?" How has this gone?