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Acts 2:1-12

Personal Reflection:

- 1. Jesus told the disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit. When have you waited for an answer to prayer or for God to move? How long did you wait? What did you learn about God?
- 2. How is it encouraging to you that all the people in the room were filled with the Holy Spirit not just the apostles?

Group Discussion:

- 1. Where else is the Spirit said to be like the wind? How is fire used to illustrate God? How is the appearance of the sound of wind and what looks like tongues of fire used to describe the filling of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. There are other examples of people who were filled with the Spirit in the Bible. How does this filling compare to those other examples? How is this filling different?
- 3. How would you compare and contrast this event with its focus on language to that of the Tower of Babel?

Family Devotions:

- 1. What did the disciples hear and see when the Holy Spirit came? 2. What caused the crowd to gather?
- 3. Why were visitors from other countries surprised by what they heard?

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Acts 2:1-41

Personal Reflection:

- 1. Have you thought of your salvation by calling on the name of the Lord as a fulfillment of prophecy? What else about your relationship with Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy?
- 2. What was your understanding of the Gospel when you first became a Christian? How has it changed since?

Group Discussion:

- 1. The mockers in 2:13 said the disciples were "full of new wine". How does the behavior of the disciples represent the new wine in Matthew
- 9:17? 2. How do you see the sovereignty of God and human responsibility for evil deeds in Peter's sermon?
- 3. What would the Jewish listeners have understood when Peter said, " God has made him both Lord and Christ" in verse 36?
- 4. How is Peter's call to repentance different from that of John the Baptist?

Family Devotions:

- 1. What did the prophet Joel say would happen when God poured out his Spirit on people?
- 2. What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord?
- 3. Peter said Jesus was "attested to you by God". What did he mean? 4. Why did Peter say the resurrection of Jesus was important? 5. What did Peter say they needed to do to have their sins forgiven?

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