

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

9.16.26 & 9.23.26 **ACTS: Power at Pentecost**

Lesson Summary (Acts 2:1-47):

This lesson launches RUSH's study of the Book of Acts by exploring Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit equips ordinary people to participate in God's mission. Pastor Cam challenges students to recognize that following Jesus is not simply a weekly routine, but a Spirit-empowered, everyday life lived on mission in biblical community. The lesson ultimately calls students to consider whether they are surrendering to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to grow their passion for God's mission, and actively playing their part in carrying that mission out with God's people.

Key Points:

The Holy Spirit:

1. Places the POWER for mission IN you
2. Fans the PASSION for mission AMONG you
 - a) He explained *what* happened: the SPIRIT had come
 - b) He explained *how* it happened: Jesus is ALIVE
 - c) He explained *why* it happened: to SAVE sinners
3. Enables the PLAN for mission to be carried out BY you

Discussion Questions:

1. Did any of you TONIGHT, FOR THE VERY 1ST TIME, put your trust in Jesus (and what He did on the cross) to save you from your sins and lead your life? *Leaders, do NOT skip this question! If you have a student who took this step, celebrate this in a BIG way; it's why we exist as a ministry! As always, be sure and log this as a "God win" on the App and/or share this news with Cam/Mary or TJ...thank you!*
2. Was there anything in tonight's lesson that was confusing or didn't make sense to you?

3. If a friend asked you, “What was Pentecost and why was it such a big deal?” how would you explain it?
4. Acts 2:5–8: Why were the people in Jerusalem amazed by what they heard the believers saying?
5. Interpretation — Acts 2:4: What do you think it means that the believers were “filled with the Holy Spirit”? How did being filled with the Spirit change what they were able to do?
6. Interpretation — Acts 2:14–17: Peter had been afraid and had denied knowing Jesus just weeks earlier. What do you notice about the difference between Peter before and after Pentecost?
7. Interpretation — Acts 2:22–24: What was the main message Peter wanted people to understand about Jesus? Why was Jesus’ resurrection so important to his message?
8. Observation/Interpretation — Acts 2:37–39: The people were “cut to the heart” and asked, “What shall we do?” How did Peter tell them to respond to Jesus?
9. Application: The lesson says the Holy Spirit “places the power for mission IN you.” What might it look like for a follower of Jesus to depend on the Holy Spirit rather than trying to follow Jesus in their own strength?
10. Application: Peter went from being fearful to boldly telling others about Jesus. Where might you need the Holy Spirit to give you courage to speak up or live differently because you follow Jesus?
11. Observation/Application — Acts 2:42–47 lists some of the things the early Christians did together. Which of these practices could you become more intentional about with your friends, family, or RUSH small group?
12. Big Picture/Application: The lesson gives three ways the Holy Spirit equips us for God’s mission: power IN us, passion AMONG us, and God’s plan carried out BY us. Which of these three stands out most to you right now, and what could taking one step in that area look like this week?