

# CLAIMED BY GOD

Life Group  
Discussion  
Guide

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Sermon Summary: Pastor Pamela's sermon closes out our Claimed by God series, reminding us that these last several weeks we have looked at various encounters with the risen Christ, where He met people in their shame, their fear or their hopelessness. He restores them and claims them, showing them that death does not get the final word and that shame and fear do not define us. Pastor Pamela shows us how the wind and fire of Pentecost recall events from the Old Testament as well as Jesus' teachings – such as the wind and fire at Mount Sinai. In Pentecost, the wind breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples and the tongues of fire work to refine and shape them. The Spirit settles on every one of them, ordinary men and women. So too is it bestowed on each of us. We are reminded that in our baptism, we are claimed by God and called to live in that identity, sent to spread His message.

Conversation Starter: Have you ever been in a place where you couldn't understand the language being spoken? What did that feel like?

Prayer: Heavenly Father,

Remind us as we gather that we are claimed as Your children. Open our hearts and minds to Your lessons that we might help others see You through us.

Amen

Read Scripture together: Acts 2: 1-21

## 3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- What stands out to you about the wind and fire imagery?
- What does Pentecost teach us about how God meets people in uncertainty?
- Pastor Pamela described Pentecost as a reversal of Babel. What barriers divide people today?
- What fears or insecurities keep people from openly living out their faith?
- How does knowing you are “claimed by God” shape your identity?
- Where do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit at work today?
- What part of the Acts 2 community do you think people most long for today?
- What is one step you could take this week to live more intentionally as someone sent by the Spirit?

Memory Verse: Acts 2:21

“And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Closing Prayer: Lord,

Send us filled with your spirit that we might feel truly empowered to share your news. You claimed us before we knew you. Help us to live in that knowledge and strength.

Amen