Growth Group Lesson
April 22-23
Acts 2

Spend some time praying with your group. Ask God to open your minds and hearts to understand and accept what you discuss and ponder tonight.

Get to know one another:

1. Explain a time when you participated in an event that made a positive change in you and others and how you felt (sports team or community event participation, a business turnaround, a changed marriage, a person's life change, weight loss, etc.).

Acts 2 is the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church, and the spread of the Gospel message through the power of the Holy Spirit and the practices of the early Christian community.

Read Acts 2:1-13

1. What caused the crowd to gather around the disciples, and what was their reaction to the disciples speaking in other languages?
    a. Why do you think the Holy Spirit was working in this way?
    b. What is the significance of the Holy Spirit coming like fire? **Number 9:15-16, Matthew 3:11, 1 Peter 1:6-7**
2. How can we prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Holy Spirit in our lives? **Verse 38; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 John 5:14-15**

Read Acts 2:14-47

3. What does Peter's call for repentance teach you about recognizing and turning away from your sins? **Verse 38; Psalm 32:1-5; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Matthew 3:8**
4. How can you better understand the Scriptures and their role in supporting and applying your beliefs to your daily life, as demonstrated by Peter's use of Scripture? **Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1; Hebrews 4:12**
    a. How can you prioritize the study of Scripture, fellowship with other believers, and prayer in your lives, as modeled by the early church? **Verse 42; Hebrews 10:24-25**
5. What is the mission of the Church? **Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, John 15:9-17**
    a. How can you be part of the church's mission, as modeled by Peter? **Acts 1:8**
    b. What are some practical ways to communicate the message of the Gospel to people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds? Share your ideas, trials, and successes.
    c. Do you know any new believers whom you can support in their journey of faith? What would it look like for you to do that?
6. How does the picture of the early church's giving and sharing of resources affect your view of your own generous and sacrificial giving? **Verses 44-45; Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:16**

Spend some time praying with your group.

- Praise God for the gift and power of the Holy Spirit in your lives.
- Ask God for help in living out the mission of the church in loving others and sharing the message of Jesus.
- Ask God to give you opportunities to share the Gospel this week.