

Again, as there is no Prayer Meeting this month, please let your Small Group Meeting be an evening that engages in an extended time for Prayer

Review (10mins)

Reflect together on your experiences over the last week. What has God been teaching you? Where have you been growing in your walk with Him? Had you set yourself a challenge in your discipleship? How is that going? Share those experiences with your small group.

Read (10mins)

Acts 2:1-41

Read the Bible passage for this week, slowly and prayerfully. It might help to use your imagination to picture the scene. Below, you will find helpful background information in our 'Setting the Scene' section.

As you read, look out for *shockers* and *blockers*.

Shockers – a phrase, word, image or something from the text that resonates, stands out or connects with you.

Blockers – something from the text that raises questions for you.

Setting the scene:

- As he did in his gospel account, by describing Jesus' anointing, leading and empowering by the Holy Spirit; Luke continues to demonstrate the indispensability of the Spirit in this his second volume.
- In the early chapters of Acts Luke refers to the promise, the gift, the baptism, the power and the fullness of the Spirit. These

many and varied terms all refer to the one, vital and equipping Spirit of God.

- Pentecost was a historical day, the fulfilment of Christ's promise to send his Spirit. It issued in the new era of the Spirit. The life and joy, freedom and power, fellowship and ministry of the Spirit continues on in the church today.

Reflect (10mins)

After you have all had time to read the text, pause and be still to listen to God through the Scriptures.

Begin your reflection time by each naming your *shockers* and *blockers*. Listen carefully to each other, share your thoughts and reflect on this passage together.

Think about the work of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and in the world around us.

Group Prayer (30mins)

As a group, use the passage to pray

- for the worldwide church this Pentecost weekend; that we would grow in faith and be confident in sharing the good news of Jesus.
- For a fresh infilling of the Spirit in our own lives
- for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, particularly in places or situations that appear barren or difficult.
- pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in those we have been praying would come to faith.
- for one another and any needs or concerns shared.
- Say the Lord's Prayer together to finish