



GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of June 16th

This study is designed to help your community group grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. There are three dimensions to following Jesus.



UP: growing in relationship with God

IN: growing in relationship with other followers of Jesus

OUT: growing in relationship with the world around us as we join God in God's mission

Get Started:

Who is one of the wisest people in your life? Who do you regularly go to for guidance?



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passages for the week: Acts 2:14-21. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note words or phrases that seem meaningful.

1. How does the Holy Spirit move and work in these verses? Or, what do we learn about the Holy Spirit from these verses?
2. Reread verse 16. Peter looks to the Old Testament to explain what is happening at Pentecost. What role does the Old Testament play in your own faith? How is it still important or relevant for Christians today?
3. Reread verse 17-18. In the Old Testament, God's Spirit fills particular people, at particular times, for particular purposes (prophets, leaders, artisans, etc.). But, according to Peter, the Holy Spirit is now available to all people. What does the declaration that God has "poured out His Spirit on all" mean for your life?
4. 4) Our society often determines our self-worth and value by how close we are to those in power and how seriously they take our input. We are often very careful to tend to these relationships as they affect our status and lifestyle. What does the knowledge that you are not only close to God, the creator and sustainer of the universe, but actually filled with God's Spirit mean to you?

6. Reread verse 21. What does it mean to be saved? How are you already experiencing this? What do you think or hope is yet to come?
7. Many of these verses refer to prophecies and signs. Does the Holy Spirit continue to move in this way today? Have you ever experienced a "sign" from the Holy Spirit? How did you know it was the Spirit?



Out: : Connect with the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)

A few weeks ago, you brainstormed ways that your group could be outwardly focused this summer. Revisit this conversation. How can your group look beyond itself in this season? Or, what have you learned about this since the last time you had the conversation?



IN: Connect with Each Other

Close your time together with this ancient prayer of the church:

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen. ¹*

¹"Prayer to the Holy Spirit," Loyola Press, 2019, <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/prayer/traditional-catholic-prayers/prayers-every-catholic-should-know/prayer-to-the-holy-spirit?p=1>.