

PENTECOST

Discussion Notes

This week we have a chance to reflect on the story of Pentecost, the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the reflection that Steve brought and most importantly pray for each other.

- What has your experience been of the Holy Spirit? Have you had tangible moments where you have felt his presence that you can share?

Read Acts 2:1-13

- Does anything stand out to you from this passage that you haven't noticed before?
- Is there anything that you don't understand or have questions about?
- What can we learn about what it means to be a church community from this passage?
- What do you think the significance is of the church speaking many different languages at Pentecost?

The story of Pentecost shows us what it means to live in the power of the Holy Spirit, not relying just on our own strength.

- Where in your life are you relying on your own strength and could instead rely more on the Holy Spirit?
- What would that actually look like?

Read Romans 8:11 together. Steve shared that when we do live in the power of the Spirit we are spurred into action - our mortal bodies are given a new power.

- Steve challenged us that if we have this power in us Christianity cannot be a crutch but a call to action. What does that mean for you?
- When do we see the Spirit as a crutch to fall back on?
- How can we be spurred into action by the Spirit?
- What would it look like if Metro was even more alive with the Spirit? What difference would we see in our church community?

One of the challenges of celebrating Pentecost in the online world is that we don't have the space or time to pray for one another and invite the Holy Spirit to meet with us. You may want to break down into smaller groups to do so. If you are comfortable doing so, you might want to pray for each other to be filled with the Spirit. You can also practise listening to God for words of encouragement for one another.