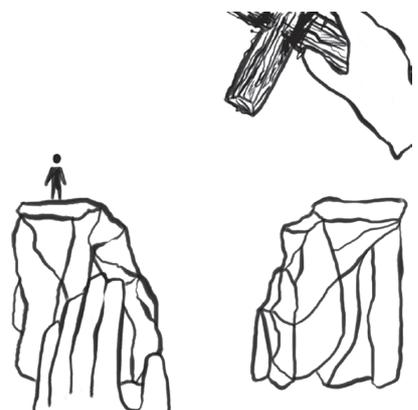
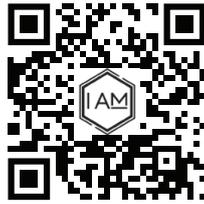
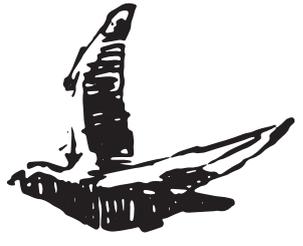


Session 5

SPIRIT

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?





Reflect
 What are some things you know exist,
 but cannot see?





Jesus said that we cannot see the wind, but we can certainly see what it can do. In the same way, we cannot see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the way He transforms people's lives.



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The Focus of the Holy Spirit

Throughout the Bible, the Holy Spirit is focused on pointing people to Jesus and leading them to Him:

- The Holy Spirit inspired prophets with prophecies that pointed towards Jesus. Deuteronomy 18:15-22, Psalm 22, Isaiah 9:1-7, Isaiah 53
- Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would glorify Jesus and remind people of everything He taught. John 14:26, John 16:13,14
- The central theme of all the Holy Spirit's message is the story of Jesus. Revelation 19:10

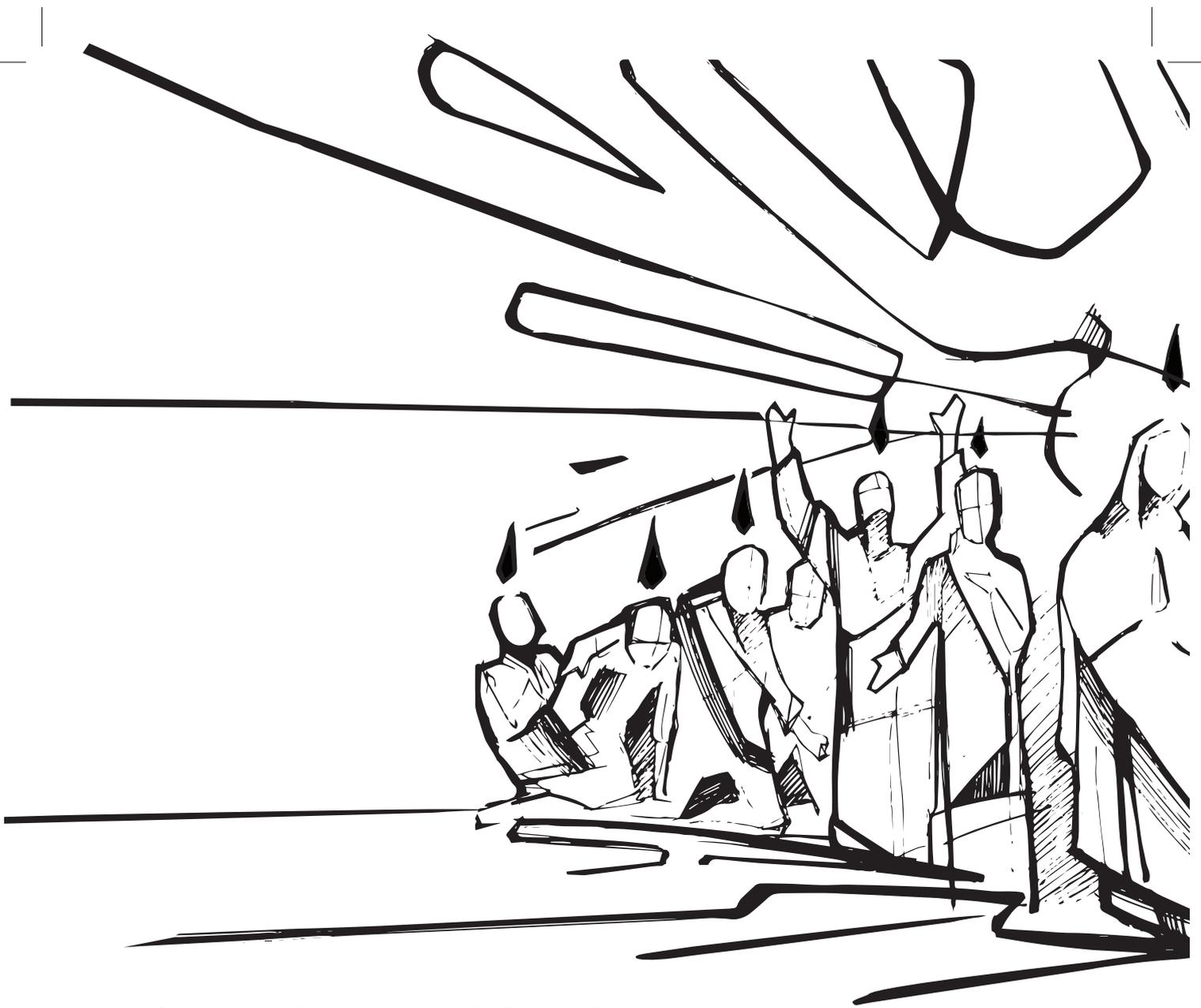


The Promise of the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Throughout the Bible, God has been promising us the gift of His Holy Spirit:

- God promised that He would pour out the Holy Spirit on everyone. Joel 2:28,29
- Jesus promised that He would ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit. John 14:16-20
- Peter reassured us that this promise is for us. Acts 2:37-39





The Transformation of the Holy Spirit

When you are baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit, He will completely transform your life for the better:

- You will start a new spiritual life and become a new person.
John 3:5-8, Romans 6:1-4, 2 Corinthians 5:17,18
- You will become part of the family of God—a son or daughter of God. Romans 8:14-17

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- Your life will display more and more of the qualities of God's character, such as His love, joy and peace. Galatians 5:22,23
- You will want to have the power to obey Jesus' directions and commandments. John 14:15-21
- You will be given special spiritual gifts and talents to serve within the church and your community. Romans 12:3-8,
1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:1-16



Practical Steps to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

You can be filled with the Holy Spirit and experience His transforming power. The Bible gives us practical steps on how to be filled with the Holy Spirit:

- Accept Jesus' invitation to enter into His kingdom and His promise to give you the Holy Spirit.
- Acknowledge your sincere desire and willingness to change and become a new person.
- Like Jesus, be baptised in water and by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for Jesus to fill you with His Holy Spirit.
- Study the Bible to become familiar with the way the Holy Spirit guides people.

The Bible finishes with a personal invitation for you to come and be part of God's kingdom and family. The Holy Spirit is the Person who enables you to become part of the kingdom of God.

Resources for further reading:

- 10 Days in the Upper Room – Mark Finley
- How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit – A. W. Tozer
- Experiencing the Holy Spirit – Andrew Murray
- The Holy Spirit: Activating God's Power in Your Life – Billy Graham



Real Talk

QUESTION ONE

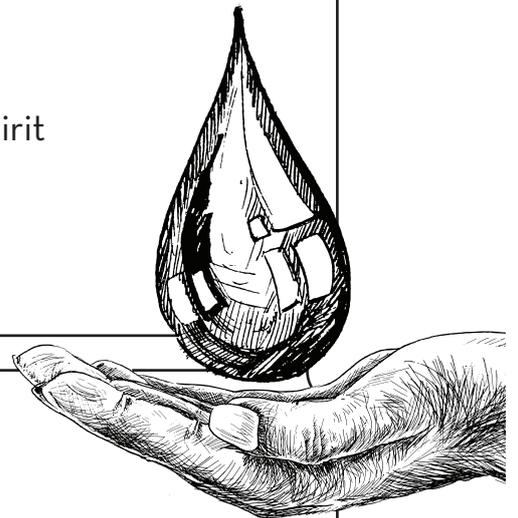
Have there been times in your life when you have sensed God's presence and/or the guidance of His Holy Spirit?

QUESTION TWO

What aspect of the Holy Spirit's work in people's lives do you personally find attractive?

QUESTION THREE

How would you like the Holy Spirit to transform your life?



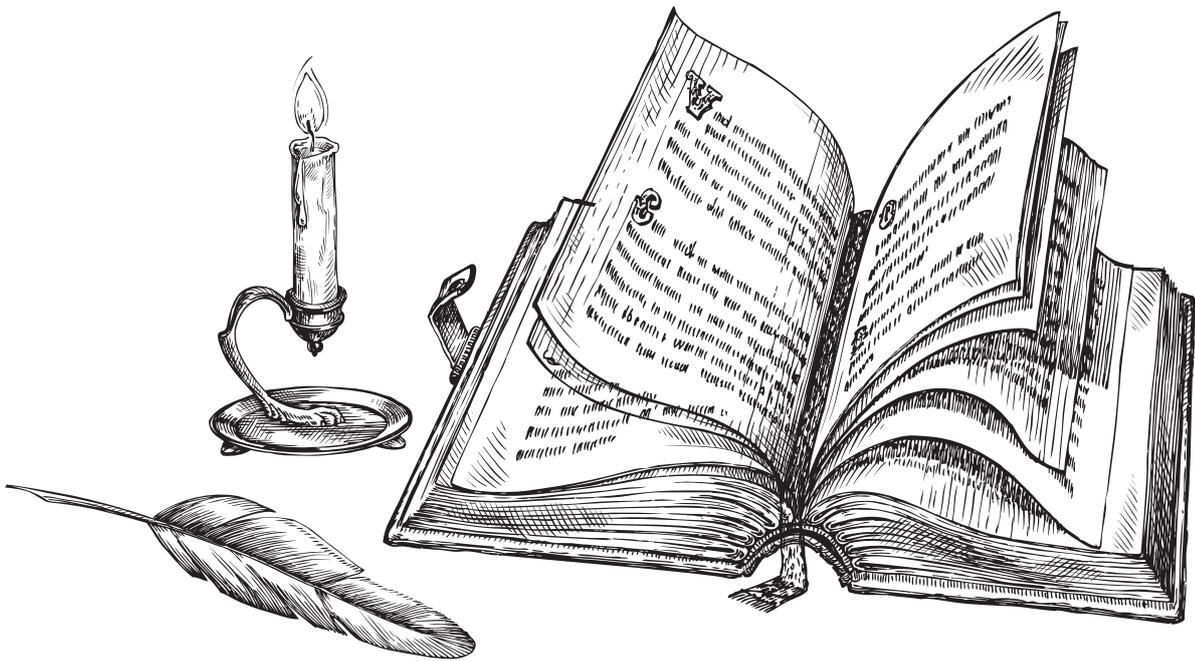
Reimagine Your Life

Illustrate what Pentecost would have looked like as a drawing or skit.

Next Step

Do you feel that you need the gift of God's Holy Spirit in your life? Would you like to accept the gift of the Holy Spirit today?





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