



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Joel 2:28-32

Introduction: What would you say are the qualities of a good team?

Overview: In this passage God continues to comfort His people with promises of restoration. He speaks of a day when the Holy Spirit will be poured out on all of His people. In that day God will do incredible things and bring salvation to all who call upon Him. These promises, the Apostle Peter tells us, have been fulfilled by Jesus, beginning on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-33). We live in that day, when the Holy Spirit has been poured out on all of God's people so we might be empowered for ministry.



Into the Word

Read Numbers 11:17-18. Based on this passage, why does God anoint people with the Holy Spirit? What is unique about God's anointing in the Old Testament?

Note: In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit was given to specific individuals for particular roles/tasks (e.g. prophets, kings, etc.)

Resource: Empowered for Ministry

Compare Numbers 11:29 and Acts 2:1-21. How would you express Moses' desire in your own words? How is this desire echoed in Joel? How is this desire fulfilled in Acts?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. What is the purpose of a spiritual gift? How does the exercise of our spiritual gifts fulfill Moses' desire in Numbers 11?

Resource: Why I Am a Cessationist



Into the Heart

Do you struggle to believe that the Holy Spirit has empowered you uniquely to serve others in this church? Why or Why Not?

Consider: 1 Corinthians 12:13-19

Do you know how the Holy Spirit has gifted you? How can we discern our spiritual gifts?

Resource: How (Not) to Discover Your Spiritual Gifts



Into the World

Consider Numbers 11:14. What are consequences of not using our spiritual gifts within the body of Christ? How can we encourage others to use their spiritual gifts?

How might our church change if everyone (not a select few) felt empowered and equipped to use their spiritual gifts to serve others? What hinders us from this?