



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS SERIES

SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2023

Topic: Discipleship Essential "Coming of the Spirit"

Acts 2: 1-8 and 13-21

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- The day of Pentecost was very dramatic (v1-3)
- Every believer was filled with the Holy Spirit (v3-4)
- Empowering God's church (v 5-7)
- As individuals come under the control of God (v13-15)
- God's life-changing purposes are achieved (v16-21)



THE DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE 2023

GROWING & GOING





Share together how you would have responded if you had been there that day. What is the message we take from it today? God certainly got everyone's attention – What is the challenge he is bringing to your notice?

God gives birth to the service and ministry of the church. We are to re-establish God's kingdom here on earth. What is the significance that every believer received the Holy Spirit? How do you respond to this call on your life, and what do you need to take hold of to make that happen?

People were amazed by what was happening to the believers. Do we amaze our community today? How can we get their attention? The Galileans were seen to be uncultured and uncouth by many, yet God used them. What personal encouragement does that bring?

To be filled with the spirit is to be controlled by the spirit. Paul says in Ephesians, do not be drunk with wine, rather be filled with the spirit. Within reason, of course, why is getting drunk with wine a good insight into what it is like to be filled with the spirit? God wants to do more than we can ask or imagine. How can this passage remind us that anything is possible with God? Is there someone you could invite to Alpha, but you think they'll never come? Think again!

Not everything that is supernatural is from God. Sometimes we can be deceived. But at the same time, we don't want to lose that expectation of His miraculous power. What dreams do you have? What vision of the future for VPBC could God create in us as we come in humility and obedience? v21 reminds us what God's plan is all about and why He gave us His spirit. Your response?