TEACHING NOTES

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Review | Small Group Questions

Read Acts 2 together. In Sunday's message we covered verses 1-13 and looked at the Apostles receiving the Holy Spirit and the beginning of Pentecost. Pray for wisdom as you answer and discuss the following questions.

- 1. The Holy Spirit here is associated with "rushing wind" and "fire" (verses 2-3). We don't often speak of God working in these kinds of ways, but even when we don't, the Spirit is definitely still at work. How have you seen the Holy Spirit move powerfully in your life and community? Read and discuss: Romans 15:13, 8:26, 5:5 and 2 Corinthians 3:17.
- 2. What three miraculous phenomena occurred when the Holy Spirit was given (verses 2-4)? Describe the reactions of those people who witnessed the mighty happenings on the Day of Pentecost (verses 6-13). How do you think you would have reacted? Would you have responded more like those in verse 12 or those in verse 13? Why?
- 3. In the Old Testament God promised an age characterized by a new work of the Spirit. Where do we find evidence? Read and discuss Joel 2:28-32 and Isaiah 32:15, 59:21.
- 4. Why is the Holy Spirit essential for God's mission? Read and discuss:

 Acts 1:8, 4:29-31 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 9-10 | Zechariah 4:6

 Why do we so often work in our own abilities and power?

Close your time together in prayer, asking God to help each of you to be yielded to the Holy Spirit and for the Spirit to lead and empower Eastmont for His glory!