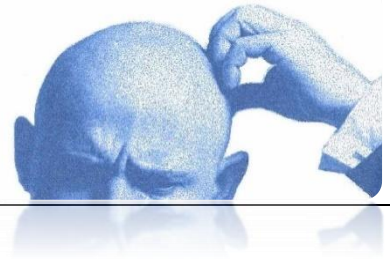


## Pentecost

# Small Group Questions

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*The following questions are intended to start conversations.*

*Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.*

- Read **Genesis 11:1-9** and **Acts 2:1-12**. What stands out for you in these stories? What questions do these stories raise?
- In what ways is the tower of Babel story contemporary? That is, in what ways do humans still build towers both literally and figuratively, to make a name for themselves? And in what ways do we still misunderstand each other?
- What is God's response to the people in this story?
- Read **Genesis 2:4-7**. How is the God breathing life into the first human similar to the Spirit bringing life to the early church? What does that tell us about our need for the Spirit? In what ways can the church become more dependent on the Spirit?
- Not only does Pentecost signal the birth of the church, but it also gives witness to the type of community that God envisions. How is Pentecost a reversal of the tower of Babel? Why is that significant?
- The worship of one God in many languages (and despite our many differences) is both a foretaste of heaven and a profound witness to our fractured world (see **Revelation 7:9-10** and **Ephesians 2:14-22**). How might this shape how you come to worship on Sunday morning?