

Pentecost in Practice

HOME



Acts 2:2

‘Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.’

Rhythms

Consider how the Holy Spirit can transform your home environment. It might help to reflect on your household rhythms, habits and blind spots.

Could surrender to God have a bigger part to play in your home? Where is God already at work? If we were observed at home, would people see Jesus represented in our environment and routines?

Home-grown Miracles

The Holy Spirit entered a humble space, welcomed in by expectant hearts. We don't have to be at a gathered worship service or an elaborately planned event to see God move in big ways. God can bring Heaven to earth right in your living room.

How can you create a more conducive environment for God's power and presence in your home?

Arise in Unity

Where there is unity, God commands a blessing (Psalm 133:1-3). We see this at Pentecost, as unity spread through the early Church in ways the world had not seen before. God loves for us to be united, and this extends to our homes. Where there may be disagreement, seek forgiveness and reconciliation where possible. Ask God to reveal the areas in your daily relationships that could be sharpened with unity. The Holy Spirit can help us mend what is broken, fractured or tired, re-energising us to move beyond human limitations and rise above disputes.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD



Acts 2:45-46

'They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts ...'

Arise Above the Tides

There's a lot of unrest held within our own neighbourhoods. The pressures of life can feel like rising tides, closing in on us. We, as Christians, hold the answer to what people need spiritually and can support with what many need physically.

Do we know the people in our very own neighbourhoods? Do we know what needs may be held all around us?

Because you may just have the solution to support your community, as the hands and feet of Christ.

Beyond the Borders

We all have a part to play in furthering God's Kingdom and mission.

For this, God calls us beyond the borders of comfort, culture, materialism, busyness and fear, with the help of his Spirit. It is only when we are out of our depth that we truly rely on his Spirit and reach greater impact.

What are the borders God wants to take you beyond, for the sake of his people?

Neighbourhood Needs

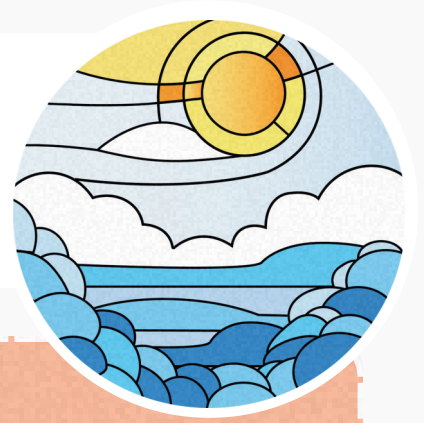
- Spiritual deprivation
- Hunger
- Fuel Poverty
- Human trafficking
- Neglect
- Debt
- Addiction
- Loneliness

Are we willing, like the disciples, to live selflessly, putting the needs of others first?
What is God asking you to sacrifice, to meet the needs on your doorstep?
Will you allow the Holy Spirit to energise you for bold action?



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WORKPLACE



Acts 2:5-6

‘Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.’

Arise in Awareness

Our workplaces are increasingly multicultural, with more chances to work alongside people from ‘every nation under heaven’!

You might like to think about the different cultures that are represented in your workplace, asking the Holy Spirit for opportunities to learn more about them. A person’s culture will often shape their worldview and experience of religion. Just as at Pentecost, the truth that Jesus is Lord will be quietly observed through you and your life!

How can you show compassion and support to your colleagues?

Workplace Impact

Your workplace is a mission-field for the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit equips us with all we need to reach the people around us. Ask God to provide opportunities each day to speak about your life as a Christian. Ask God to use your gifts to glorify him and serve those around you. Set the culture of your workplace as one that is joyful and honouring.

How can God use you, at work?



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ONLINE



Acts 2:4

‘All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.’

🔍 Arise in Influence

At Pentecost the disciples ‘were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues’. You might like to use this opportunity to reflect on the online spaces that you inhabit. What kinds of ‘tongues’ are you speaking in these spaces?

Are the words you share online Spirit-filled?
Do they exhibit the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in Isaiah 11:2 (wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and fear of God)?

When people observe you online, what do they perceive, and do they see Jesus?

Mindful Consumption

‘Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.’ (Psalm 119:37)

We must also consider what we ourselves are observing online. This online space can be used to encourage and evangelise, but it can also be a tool for harm, addiction and comparison.

Reflect on the content you consume online. Pray for discernment and wisdom to avoid content that detracts from your spiritual growth.

