## Westwood Baptist Church

Worship Guide for November 18 2018

Sermon Notes

Grounded. Growing. Going.

**The Holy Spirit Came** Acts 2: 1-13 (pew Bible pgs. 909-910)

In his book, *The Rise of Christianity*, Dr. Rodney Stark asks, "Finally, all questions concerning the rise of Christianity are one: How was it done? How did a tiny and obscure messianic movement on the edge of the Roman Empire dislodge classical paganism and become the dominant faith of Western civilization?"

The movement started out with 12. It grew to 120 in three years. Then in one day it added 3000. By the fourth century, the number of Christians was estimated to be almost 34 million (Stark). How did this happen? What happened in the lives of a few ordinary, mostly uneducated people, that transformed them into world changers? Today's passage gives us the foundational answer. Without warning, and in an extraordinary way, the Holy Spirit came, and everything changed.

The Holy Spirit came: what was Pentecost and why does it matter?

The Holy Spirit came, and something happened *to* the disciples.

The Holy Spirit came, and something happened *in* the disciples.

The Holy Spirit came, and something happened *through* the disciples.

Applications:

Because the Holy Spirit has come:

You can be saved.

You can be filled.

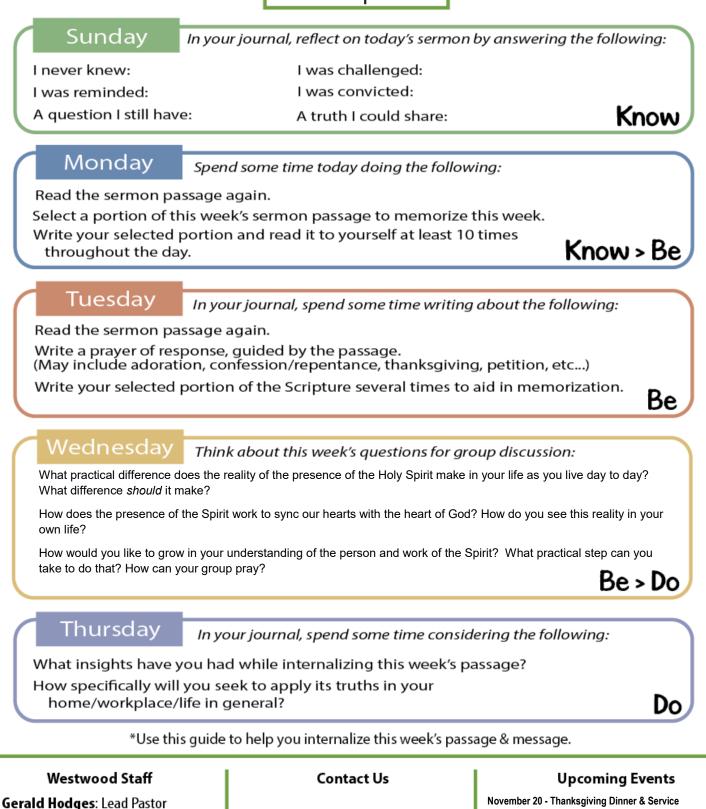
You can have assurance.

You can have understanding.

You can live in hope.

You have a mission and a message.

## Life Group Guide



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Coordinator

Jason Engle: Pastor of Students

Katie Austin: Children's Ministry

Jim Fulp: Counseling Pastor

November 20 - Thanksgiving Dinner & Service November 22-23 - Church Office Closed November 25 - Decorate for Christmas December 1 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast December 2 - Lottie Moon Mailbox opens December 7 - Parent's Night Out