



Adult Life Groups & Care Groups

Shively Baptist Church | Louisville, KY

Care Group Leader Handout For Sunday May 25th, 2014

Planned Schedule:

- 0900-0910 – Meet & Greet in Life Groups
- 0910-0915 – Focus (TBD)
- 0915-0930 – Teaching Time (Life Group Leaders)
- 0930-1015 – Care Group Time (Care Group Leaders)



God's Church on the Move "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:1-41

VERSE FOR MEDITATION

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." Acts 2:38-39

DISCUSSION

The coming of the Holy Spirit described here in Acts 2 was accompanied by a show of power. We are naturally drawn to displays of power and wonder. We notice those things that represent a "change from the ordinary." ***Consider for a few moments how the "distractions" of life can affect our view of God and His working, and our tendency to need "grand displays of power" to capture our attention.***

- Is it possible we missed the God's moving by our inattention?
- Is it possible that we (you/I) may demand that God speak to us on our terms (miraculously or extravagantly) instead of recognizing His ongoing, daily, steady leading and providing?

On the day described in Acts 2, God acted in a supernatural way. Notice that a large part of Peter's spoken witness comes from passages of Scripture. Also included were many references to the life and work of Jesus. We see a human spokesman, emboldened and empowered by God the Holy Spirit, repeating the Words of God, and applying these words to the ministry of God the Son. The work of the Spirit doesn't exalt the human agent, but always exalts of God Himself. Notice that Peter does not include his own personal testimony. ***Consider why Peter's presentation so strongly emphasized God and His word.***

- Why didn't Peter include his personal story, and what are some dangers of relying too heavily on our testimony rather than conveying truths about Christ? Who is to be exalted?
- When people are confronted with God's Word, they are driven to a response. What response do we see in this passage for those who "had ears to hear?"
- Do we "have ears to hear" today? What should be our response to the revealed Word of God?