



He's Coming in the House! Tim Ross

Focus In the Bible, Pentecost (also called Shavuot or the Jewish Feast of Weeks) is the day the Holy Spirit came and empowered the disciples. The Holy Spirit comes into our homes so we can go out and tell others!

Fun Have you had any unusual visitors while you've been home quarantined?

Review Key Scriptures: Acts 2:1–4, 10:24–27, 10:44–46, 1:8

1. Three reasons the Holy Spirit came to a house.

That's where we're most comfortable—He wants to make sure you receive what He brings. That's where we're most vulnerable—He wants to fill you and empower you to do great things. That's where we're the most moldable—the Holy Spirit can make you aware of a disconnect with God. Through God's Word, He shapes you into how God wants you to live.

2. Reasons you can't stay in the house.

An experience with the Holy Spirit cannot be contained! We've been given power. We're witnesses. The Holy Spirit is the ultimate witness to Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. When the Holy Spirit indwells us, we then testify that Jesus is alive. We have to testify!

3. There is someone who needs to hear your testimony.

The enemy would love to turn you into a silent witness or put you in the witness protection program. God either saved you *from* something or *through* something. Your testimony will turn someone's world upside down. We are Christ's epistles, and once filled with the Holy Spirit, we can't stay in the house. We have to get out and share about God's goodness!

Group Dynamics Idea The disciples connected with other early church members by breaking bread together in each other's homes. Even during this quarantine, there are still ways to connect to your group! Consider hosting a backyard barbecue where you can physical distance but still connect. Group Zoom calls with fun games or worship can also be great to connect during this time.

Discuss

1. Do you feel connected or disconnected from God?
2. If you feel disconnected, why do you think you feel that way? What does Romans 10:9 and Acts 3:19 tell you?
3. If you have experienced the saving grace of Jesus Christ, can you share your testimony?
4. Have you ever received the Holy Spirit? If not, would you like to be empowered by the Holy Spirit?
5. How does the indwelling of the Holy Spirit change your ministry and life?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God wants everyone—Jews and Gentiles—to hear the transforming testimony that Jesus is alive.
- The Holy Spirit wants to empower you to be His witness.
- Once you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you have to get out of the house to tell others.

Prayer Father God, thank You for Your Holy Spirit! Lord, help us be a witness to Your grace, Your truth, Your faithfulness, and Your goodness. Help us to take Your kingdom everywhere we go. Help us to be observant, noticing those who are hurting, and reach out to them. Help us to be bold in our witness and remember that we represent You everywhere we go. Fill us to overflowing with Your amazing Holy Spirit, and bring us people who need to hear our testimony so lives can be changed and more people can hear of You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip The pastors and leaders of Gateway are available to help you. If you need help, counseling, or encouragement for your group, please reach out to your zone leader.