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Key References:

John 20:22 (ESV) – And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:49 (ESV) – And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Acts 1:5 (ESV) – for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV) – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 2:1–4 (ESV) – When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:11b–13 (ESV) – “...we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Acts 4:29–31 (ESV) – And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness

1 – IMMERSED IN THE SPIRIT

Andy began by talking about what Oceanside believes around the baptism of the Holy Spirit. **What’s the biggest question you have on the baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

Read Acts 1:5 & 8. **Does using the translation “*immersed*” for the Greek “*baptizō*” help you understand what Jesus is talking about? How is the “*immersion*” of the Holy Spirit different from the only one-time occurrence of water baptism?**

Have you ever experienced an immersion-like experience in the Holy Spirit? What was it like, and what fruit did it bear in your life?

2 – THE BREATH & PRESENCE OF GOD

Read Acts 2:1-6. **What was the significance of the wind and fire? What immediate fruit came (v41) from this filling of the Holy Spirit? How did it begin to fulfil the Great Commission of Jesus?**

3 – PRAYING FOR BOLD MISSION

In Acts 4:29-31 we see the second time the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. **What does it mean to us if the disciples needed to be filled again days after Pentecost? Can you think of a time recently when you’ve been filled with the Spirit?**

Andy used Acts 4:29-31 to point out that the disciples didn’t pray to be filled with the Spirit, instead they prayed for boldness to fulfil the mission. **Why is this an important distinction? How do we stumble when we only pray for Spirit filling and not the Spirit’s mission?**

Andy said that he felt, in this season, that Oceanside needs to first get hungry for the Spirit’s mission in Nanaimo before we see a fresh move of the Spirit. **What point was he trying to emphasise?**

4 – PRAYING FOR THE CITY

How can we cultivate authentic heartfelt prayer for our city? What specific areas in our community do you feel led to intercede for?

As we all posture ourselves towards the great commission, how might we expect to be filled with the Spirit like the early church was?