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Main Idea: The Holy Spirit empowers God's people to reach everyone everywhere with the gospel.

Connecting

Have you ever traveled to a place where you didn't speak the language? How difficult was that?

Understanding

Read Acts 2:5-13. What was Pentecost and what happened? What do you think was the purpose of Pentecost?

Read Acts 2:14-36. What are the main points that Peter is making? How would it have been received by his mostly Jewish audience? How is this good news?

Read Acts 2:37-41. What was the response and reaction of the crowd to this teaching?

How is Acts 2 like a reversal of what happened at the Tower of Babel? (Genesis 11)

Living

What would you say would be the differences between a church empowered by the Holy Spirit and a church trying to move forward under its own strength?

Are there any recent events in your life that you could attribute to the influence of the Holy Spirit? (answer to prayer(s), professional/academic opportunities, "coincidences," etc.)

If your job or your hobbies give you shared experiences or "insider language" that you share with others, how could you use that to spark a conversation about the Good News of the Gospel?

Next Week: Multiple passages