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“Life in the Spirit through Grace”

Acts 2:43-45

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Background

On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles received the Holy Spirit and were empowered by Him to be Christ's witnesses to the ends of the earth. The evidence of this empowerment was the miraculous gift of tongues: The Apostles began speaking in all kinds of languages. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit among those who believed the Apostles' message was no less miraculous: They began to love one another. This Sunday we continue our series on the PBCC Family Values and reflect on what it means to live in the Spirit through grace.

Sermon Text: *Acts 2:43-45 (NIV)*

43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- c. What is the best thing you heard on Sunday?

2. Sunday questions

- a. Start this study time with the same practice Eugene started with in his sermon.
 - Lay your hand on your heart.
 - Close your eyes.
 - Take a deep breath.
 - Say, “Another lives inside of me.”
- b. Are you aware of the Spirit’s work in your life? Explain.
- c. Eugene said that the early church “had no concept of ownership,” which is why they shared everything. How would you characterize your concept of ownership right now? Has it changed over time?
- d. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to share what you have right now? Note that the sharing could be of time and immaterial things, not only material things.
- e. Eugene encouraged us to “listen to the Holy Spirit by attending to Him in our own needs.” Explain how you do this listening.