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PART 2: OPENING DAY

The church was never meant to just be a service, a building, or a weekly routine. It began as a multiplying, inclusive, mission-driven movement centered on Jesus as Lord. The call today is the same as the opening day.

CONNECT

Read **Acts 1:3–8**. This passage sets up the context for this message. Think about a time when you were part of something bigger than yourself. What was that experience like, and how did it shape you?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Was there a season in your life when you reserved God for emergencies only?
2. When the Holy Spirit came, he didn't give military power but cross-cultural communication power. Why do you think God chose language as the first sign of this new age? What does that reveal about the heart of the movement?
3. Jesus called people to follow him, which completely changes the way they viewed the world. How has your view of the world or your purpose changed since following Jesus?
4. When you read Peter's sermon in Acts 2:31–39, it says that the message "cut them to the heart." Has there been a moment in your life where the message of Jesus challenged or convicted you? How did you respond in that moment?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Take some time this week to read Peter's full sermon in Acts 2:14–41. Reflect on the boldness of his message and how it called people to action. As you read, what part of Peter's message stands out to you the most? How is God calling you to respond to this message today?

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PRAY

As a group, take a moment to thank God for the gift of Jesus and his promise of the ekklesia. Ask God to strengthen your faith in his promises and to empower each of you to live out your part in his mission. Thank him for the gift of community, for the people around you, and for the opportunity to be part of something much bigger than yourselves.