

Introduction: Today in our “What If” series are looking at the early days of the church as they transpired in the book of Acts in the New Testament. The church didn’t begin because of the Bible, instead the church began after the power of the Holy Spirit descended upon the believers after Jesus’ death and resurrection. What if Cokesbury Church was a place where the Holy Spirit’s transforming power was evident in each one of us? What if?

Scripture: Acts 2:1 - 41

Acts 2:4 “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.”

Acts 2:38, 41 “Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

Discussion Questions:

1. Share about a circumstance that happened in your life in which your “normal” was changed for the better. What would your life be like if that circumstance would not have happened?
2. What do you think went through the minds of the people who were gathered when they became filled with the Holy Spirit?
3. What details do you remember about your baptism?
4. What is your “new normal” since you became a follower of Jesus? How has your life transformed for the better?
5. Is there a part of you that is standing in the way of the Holy Spirit completely taking over your life and working in you?
6. How can we be better prepared to do what Jesus calls us to do?

Take the Next Step:

The Holy Spirit’s power is like nothing we’ve ever experienced, and once we’ve experienced it we won’t want to go back to the way we were living. What if you shared this week with a non-believer how following Jesus has changed your life?