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Community Group Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: After a brief description of BLESS ask, "Who did you BLESS this past week?"

Have someone read: Acts 2:1-11

Choose 2-3 questions to ask...

General knowledge questions:

- What does this passage tell us about God?
 - o How does he work in this moment?
 - o What are his expressed desires, or expectations?
- What does this passage tell us about the people in this situation?
 - o How would you describe the atmosphere of this moment?
 - o Who were the groups of people involved in this narrative?
 - o How physical experiences are described in this passage?
 - o What attitudes are being expressed in this passage?
 - o What action words catch your attention?

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Application questions:

The day of Pentecost, fifty days since Passover, was the first day of the Jewish festival known as the Feast of the Harvest. Every nation under heaven is represented on this day!

- How have you experienced the empowering presence of the Spirit?
- How can you relate to the disciples speaking in other languages?

Jesus has told his disciples to be His witnesses to the uttermost parts of the world. Then, on Pentecost, every nation under heaven was represented as God was birthing the church! God is interested in being omni-national, not just international!

- How does the idea every people, language, and nationality knowing Jesus affect you? How does it excite you?
 - How does it challenge you?
- How do you see the spiritual gifts God has given you making God's glorious works evident to people of other cultures? How do you use the gifts God gives you outside of church services and community group meetings?
 - How could the gifts God has given you help people who are far from Him marvel at His grace?

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Application questions continued:

God clearly wants people from every people group on the planet to hear about His grace and mercy. In light of that, whom are you planning on BLESSing this week?

Let's pray for one another...

Thank anyone who was vulnerable and crossed the line of shame. Pray for their need.

Pray for anyone who has not received the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for anyone who is hungry for more spiritual gifts.

Pray for anyone who struggling with racism, or with the idea of making friends with anyone of a culture different from their own.