

The coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples at Pentecost is in a far more dramatic way than when Jesus said “ Receive the Holy Spirit “ on the evening of his resurrection. Read Acts 2:1-11 and John 20:19-23

1 Why do you think there is such a difference ?

2 What effect did the coming of the Pentecostal Holy Spirit have on the gathered disciples ?

At their final Passover meal, Jesus told his disciples that he would be leaving them and that the Holy Spirit would be sent to them.
Read John 16:5-11; John 14:16-17,25-27.

3 How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus told them that he would be leaving ?

4 Are there words of scripture which help us in times of change ?

When the Spirit came on the disciples they found themselves speaking in tongues or languages which they did not understand.

5 What was the purpose of the Spirit coming in this way ?

6 How did the people in the multinational, multilingual crowd respond to the disciples words about God which they were each able to understand in their own languages ?

After he had received the Spirit, Peter spoke boldly to the crowds telling them about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It was the start of God ‘s mission to take the good news of Jesus Christ to ALL nations.

7 How can we be involved in God ‘s mission ?

In 1 Corinthians 12 :1-31 Paul describes various gifts of the Spirit.

8 What gifts do we think we have been given ?

9 How can we use these gifts in mission and to build the body of Christ?