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**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS**

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GETTING STARTED

For forty days after his resurrection, Jesus taught his disciples about **the kingdom of God**, leading to their question in 1:6: was he now going to restore the kingdom to Israel? Every Old Testament promise of the Spirit was tied to Israel's restoration (Isaiah 44:3; Ezekiel 36:25–28; Joel 2:28).

Jesus redirects them. The timing belongs to the Father. Their task is to **wait for the Spirit's power and be his witnesses**, from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (**Acts 1:7–8**).

- When you hear “the kingdom of God”, what comes to mind?
- Why do you think Jesus shifted the disciples' focus from *when* to *what they would do*?

INTO THE WORD

In **Acts 1:14** the disciples obey and wait, joining constantly in prayer. On the Feast of Weeks, fifty days after Passover, Jerusalem is crowded with Jewish pilgrims...and everyone is unsuspecting except for the disciples who were waiting.

In **Acts 2:1–12**, the Spirit arrives in wind and fire, the same signs that once marked God's presence at Sinai and in the temple. This time, though, **God's presence fills people rather than a building**. Pilgrims from across the known world hear the wonders of God in their own languages.

Peter then explains what is happening (**Acts 2:22–36**). Jesus was crucified, but God raised him and exalted him to the Father's right hand as **Lord and Messiah** (Psalm 110:1). From there he has poured out the Spirit, as Joel promised and about three thousand people respond that day.

- What is significant about God's presence now living in people instead of a temple?
- Peter's message centres on the resurrection. Why is it the turning point?

GOING DEEPER

The kingdom is wherever Jesus is acknowledged as King. It doesn't come as a political restoration, but rather a people transformed by the word of God and His Spirit

In **Acts 2:42–47**, it comes as a Spirit-filled community **devoted to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and prayer**. That community shares what it has and praises God, and it becomes a place where heaven meets earth.

In **Acts 2:38–39**, Peter says the promise is for **“you and your children and for all who are far off.”** That includes us, two thousand years later.

- Of the four devotions in 2:42, which comes most naturally to you, and which is harder?
- Where could our church/you show the kingdom breaking in this week?

Pray

Risen King Jesus, thank you that your kingdom has broken into our world. Fill us this week with your Spirit as you filled your first disciples. Make us a people of prayer and bold witnesses to your resurrection. Shape us into a community where heaven meets earth, where all are welcomed and your reign is plain to see. Amen.