

*Connecting the Sunday Sparkle at Hearsall Baptist with the Daily Dust of Life*

## Welcome

- When it comes to **praying**, what do you find easy, and what do you find hard? Share honestly.

## Worship

- Read John 15: 9 - 17
- Can you each find one inspiring thought from this reading? Share your thoughts and thank God for the truth of this reading.
- If you haven't already covered this, discuss briefly what this passage teaches about prayer.

## Word

### **Read Acts 2: 1 - 4**

1. **What were the disciples doing** all together in one place? See Acts 1: 14.
2. Luke uses words for wind and fire to describe what the experience of the Holy Spirit was like. What is he intending to say about the **nature of the Spirit** through these metaphors?
3. **From where** did the Spirit come?
4. **Why** did they need to speak in other tongues?

### **How do each of the above four points apply to us today?**

### **Read Ephesians 5:18**

- For what reasons do we need a fresh experience of the Holy Spirit today?
- What steps can we take to follow the teaching of this verse?

## Response

Often we pray for individuals in need and that's good. The focus of prayer in Acts 2 was for spiritual empowerment in order to share the gospel.

- Commit to praying for our outreach, including Luncheon Club, Talking English and Coexist. Seek for God to guide and empower these initiatives.
- How can your group support each other in praying in this way?