

INTRO • SERIES // USING MAGNIFYING LENS TO START FIRE

GOD'S FAMILY FUELS MY FIRE: The Spirit dwells in me but his power is revealed in community. I intentionally prioritize Christian relationships because I have something to give and something to receive.

To have the fire of God in your life, you need to be in relationship with others.

LAST WEEK: PARTNERSHIP / NEXT WEEK: BROTHERHOOD / THIS WEEK: SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 4:31

HOW DID WE GET HERE!? • BACKTRACK A LITTLE

Acts 3 & 4 (p. 757)

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

YOU REMEMBER PETER, DON'T YOU?

... they led [Jesus] away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

Luke 22:54-56

BEFORE & AFTER // RASH, SNEAKY, COWARDLY, SELFISH • WHAT HAPPENED? // SEE ACTS 4:8

Peter's life hit a new level when he was filled with the **Holy Spirit**.
PENTECOST

The Holy Spirit came in response to corporate **prayer** and **worship**.

"Community" is **lighter fluid** for the Spirit's fire.

READ THE REST OF CHAPTER 4.

JEFF MIKELS' GROUP-PRAYER-PET-PEEVES-AND-GENERAL-RANT

- The interminable silence
ROLE PLAY • "tell me one thing you like about Lafayette and then say code word 'Amen'"
- The share-a-lot-pray-a-bit problem
- The Santa Problem
WE ACT LIKE GOD'S THE POWER, WE'RE THE BRAINS

JEFF MIKELS' PRAYER PLEA

- listen, think, **remember** (God's Word)
- **filter** your thoughts
- open your **mouth**
DON'T GIVE ME THE EXCUSE THAT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY.