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WHAT WE READ

We flashed back to Ezekiel 36, where God promised clean water, a new heart, and his own Spirit within us, six centuries before Pentecost. Then, in the present: at Pentecost, after St. Peter preached that the crucified Jesus is Lord, the crowd asked, What shall we do? Peter told them: repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Three thousand were baptized that day. Then they devoted themselves to four things together: the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the prayers, and the Lord added to their number day by day.

THE BIG IDEA

The answer to what shall we do is not try harder. It is be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit (CCC 1213). If your child has been baptized, they have already walked through that door; if not, the door is open and the parish will help. We also heard plainly what the Eucharist is: at Mass the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, truly present (CCC 1374). And the Christian life is lived with the Church: its teaching, its community, the Eucharist, and prayer together (Acts 2:42). We can pray alone, but we are not meant to follow Jesus in isolation.

MEMORY VERSE

“You shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)

ONE QUESTION FOR DINNER

If your child was baptized, do they know the date, and who their godparents are? Tell the story of that day. If you have a photo, get it out. If your child has not been baptized and you would like to talk about it, the parish would be glad to help.

THIS WEEK'S ONE STEP

Your child picked one of the four things in Acts 2:42 to do this week. Ask which one, and do it together if you can: Mass, a parish activity, reading the Gospel together, or praying with one other person.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Holy Spirit, you are God, and you come to us as a gift. Thank you. Make our family part of your family. Amen.

NEXT TIME

Session 8: Your Next Yes. Our last session: the risen Jesus sends his friends out, and promises to be with them always (Matthew 28:16-20).