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“Church” February 10, 2019 – Mark Swayze

GATHER (*choose one Gather question to share as everyone settles in to the group time*)

- On a scale from 1 to 4, how has your week been?
- Where have you seen God this week?
- What is one joy you want to share with the group this week?

PLANT/GROW

1. One of the most astonishing twists in God’s drama involves the way in which the early Christians came to believe that Jesus really was *with them* in all that they were doing.

- What event led to this belief that Jesus was working in and through the first Christians after the ascension?
- Discuss the following statement: According to the early Jesus-followers, the church’s chapter began at the moment when God exhaled his Spirit from the resurrected body of Jesus into the sin-scarred bodies of people like you and me. It was a kind of divine CPR, and the effects were tangible. People were changed; they said it was this Breath (God’s oxygen inside them) that enabled broken individuals—racists, cowards, and thieves— to begin to speak and live in ways that actually made the world a more beautiful place.
- In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit transforming your heart and mind throughout your life? Be specific.

Read Acts 2:1–11 and then discuss the following questions:

- When God’s Spirit came, the disciples suddenly found themselves communicating the Jesus- message meaningfully with people who were very different from them. Discuss a time when you were able to communicate the Jesus-message to someone who normally would not be receptive to it. When did someone do this for you?
- **PRAYERS**
 - Share prayer requests around the group and then either the leader or a volunteer can pray for the group. You may want to jot down those requests so you can remember to follow up next week.