

**Cross of Hope Making Faith Connections Small Group Ministry**

**May 28, 2023**

**Living Water. Transforming Life!**

**SPIRIT**

- 15 Minutes      **Gathering, Hospitality, Check-in with Each Other...**  
Where have you experienced the Holy Spirit lately?  
What was the most unexpected or astonishing place you received the Holy Spirit?
- Opening Prayer      Gracious God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.  
(ELW p76)
- 45 Minutes      **Discussion Questions:**  
Read again Acts 2:1-21  
What do you notice about the story of Pentecost as you read/hear it this time?  
How is language important to the story of Pentecost?  
What has the Holy Spirit given you the ability to do to share the good news of God?  
How has the Holy Spirit amazed and astonished you with the good news of God?  
How is this a resurrection story? *Hint – see today's John reading below*  
The Jewish festival of Pentecost marked the fiftieth day after Passover. What does this connection say about Jesus, and reveal for our faith?  
How does Peter share God's word in this story?  
How is the Holy Spirit always at work transforming life?  
Where do we see and hear the Holy Spirit on our journey today?  
How has the Holy Spirit filled your heart with faith?
- Read again John 7: 37-39  
What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?  
According to Jesus, where does living water now flow from?  
How does the reveal and relate the Holy Spirit and Jesus; us and God?
- Read again 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?  
What does this passage teach us about our unity in the Spirit?  
What does this passage teach us about our life in community?
- 20 Minutes      **Prayer Requests and Prayer**
- 10 Minutes      **Wrap Up and Get Ready to Leave Session:** Conversation about details for the next session...place, day, time, and volunteer Host. Remember...bring a Bible, watch the Sunday worship and sermon in preparation for the group session.

Maximum amount of time...90 minutes. Time used for each component is flexible depending on the agreed upon needs of the group for that session.