

# BAPTISMS

## What Does This Mean? | Discussion Notes

This week is a chance to dig into a Bible passage and spend a bit more time studying what it says. With that in mind, you may want to ask people to bring a Bible with them.

Read through Acts 2:1-13

- What stands out about this passage?
- What can this passage show us about what it means to be a church?
- What does it look like to be 'Spirit filled' in the way the disciples are here?
- Everyone who saw the disciples asked 'what does this mean' and Peter goes on to explain what is happening. How do we get the balance right between embracing the fact that our faith will look odd to people, but also making it accessible in a way people can understand? What can we do to make sure we are living Spirit filled lives but not being so weird that people are put off?

Next Peter stands up and explains the background to their faith to crowd. Read Acts 2:14-21 and Acts 2:36-41.

- What stands out about this passage?
- What difference does verse 36 make to our faith?
- What does verse 38 tell us about baptism? What stops us from following the instructions of Peter to 'repent and be baptised'?
- How can this passage inspire us as Metro and encourage us in our vision to reach Bristol?

Each time we meet as Hubs, we have the chance to do as the disciples did at Pentecost: to wait for God's Spirit to fall. Take 5 minutes to wait and listen to God. You may want to put some background music on, but silence is better if you feel your Hub would be comfortable with that. Simply pray something like, "Come Holy Spirit", and see what happens!

After 5 minutes you may want to see if anyone felt anything, if they did then pray into that. If not, just break into smaller groups and pray for one another.