

VINEYARD Church of the Peninsula

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The Holy Spirit is (still) in the House

From a group of twelve men, to a devoted group of one hundred twenty followers, to the overnight, viral sensation of thousands breaking free of the confines of traditional Judaism and streaming toward the Good News Jesus had announced, the unleashing of the power of God on an unsuspecting Jerusalem was soon staggering the imagination of the faithful. It was also threatening the Jewish religious elite and bringing fears of mass rebellion to the Romans enforcing their foreign rule over this perpetually contentious territory. The explosive growth of the church came with its problems of administration, demanding the attention of the already overworked apostles. The ministry of the Holy Spirit, then, as now, provided wisdom and discernment for the immediate, and the future.

Acts 6:1-7, Matthew 26:11, Deuteronomy 15:7-11

1. Acts 6:1– _____? No problem for the Spirit!
2. Acts 6:2 – _____? No problem for the Spirit!
3. Acts 6:3-6 – First _____ needed? No problem for the Spirit!
4. Acts 6:7 – Needing to _____ ministry? No problem for the Spirit!

"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you." ~

Corrie Ten Boom (1892-1983)

"We must be careful not to choose, but to let God's Holy Spirit manage our lives; not to smooth down and explain away, but to stir up the gift and allow God's Spirit to disturb us and disturb us and disturb us until we yield and yield and yield and the possibility in God's mind for us becomes an established fact in our lives, with the rivers in evidence meeting the need of a dying world."

Smith Wigglesworth (1859-1947)