

# RUBBLE ROUSING IN ANXIOUS TIMES

## *Lessons Learned from the Early Church*

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### **Lesson #5: Be Moved into Action by the Holy Spirit**

#### *Acts 2: 1-12 (NIV)*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

**When the Holy Spirit shakes things up:**

1. Be moved to \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven coming to earth.

<sup>2</sup> *Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

2. Be moved to \_\_\_\_\_ in response to the unexpected.

<sup>12</sup> *Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”*

<sup>37</sup> *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”*

#### *Reflection Questions:*

1. In light of what is happening in the world, how might you join the sound of heaven coming to earth? What is a “one-inch” step you can take towards ending racism?
2. In what ways have your expectations or assumptions been challenged by the Holy Spirit? How might you respond to this experience?