

## **The Gathered Church, Powerfully Spirit Filled & Graciously Outpouring**

Acts 2:1-4, 42-27

### 1. The Gathered Church - Hebrews 10:24, 25; 1 Cor 14:26

The New Testament understanding of church (Gr: *ecclesia* which is most likely a translation of the Aramaic: *qhala*, Hebrew: *qahal* - all of which means “called forth to assemble, or gather”), that is to say, what Jesus’ hearers would have instantly understood, was the gathering of the community to discuss (the whole community involved) issues of faith, law, issues in the society/community, and to preserve their culture in the midst of an occupying foreign culture.

In light of this understanding, where do you see Resound now and in the future?

What could help us to grow toward a deeper level of being such a community?

How can we help equip one another to preserve, and demonstrate, the culture of the Kingdom of God in the midst of current Society? What does Kingdom mean to you? What is the impact of the Kingdom coming on Earth?

### 2. Powerfully Spirit Filled - Acts 1:7-8

What is the primary purpose of our Spirit filling? Where do you think Resound is in this respect?

What, in your experience, has it meant to be Spirit filled (if you’ve experienced it...if not, is it something you desire?)

### 3. Graciously Overflowing (Outpouring?) - Luke 6:38, 1 King 7:7-16

What does it mean to be “outpouring”? (each of us will have different ideas and areas we feel called to outpour)

How can we encourage one another to begin to outpour from our “lack” rather than waiting until we have been completely filled? (will that even happen in this life?)

Note: In light of the above meaning of “church”, if your discussion stirs up thoughts or ideas, please feel free to email the Leadership Team to share them for the benefit of the whole community.