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The following study guide is for the prologue to the Fire in the Fireplace series.

Watch video: Fire in the Fireplace: Anglican Perspective

Opening thought: "The one thing we need more than anything else is a fresh Pentecost, a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit." – The Rev. Canon Phil Ashley

Bible Readings:

- Luke 24: 44-49
- Acts 1: 1-5
- Acts 2: 1-47

Canon Ashley asks, "is this really possible today? Is it really possible to have a church that has those kinds of fingerprints of God and the power of the Holy Spirit all over it? Or do we just have to do ministry in our own strength?"

The Rt. Rev. Michael Nazir Ali, Bishop of Rochester said, "We can't domesticate the Holy Spirit but the Holy Spirit is meant for and needed even more in the church (in our churches) today. He leads God's people as they journey along on this pilgrimage. It is the church also that should be led by God's Spirit. This leading is not wild or unpredictable. Not a leading about which we know nothing. The work of the Holy Spirit is firmly grounded in the person and work of Christ Himself. The Holy Spirit bears witness to Jesus."

Questions:

1. Why were so many different people in Jerusalem for Pentecost?
2. What is the significance of the celebration of the First Fruits?
3. The people heard the disciples all speaking together. What did the people hear in their own languages?
4. How can we explain the change that came over Peter? Very recently, he had three times denied that he even knew who Jesus was.

5. What did Peter preach?
6. What was the result of the hearers being, “cut to the hear heart?”
7. How did the church meet the needs of those being “added day by day?”
8. What do cessationists believe? What do you think?
9. Why are some Anglicans afraid of talking about the Holy Spirit?
10. What does Bishop Nazir Ali say about the “work of the Holy Spirit?”