

## Sunday 13th July - Game changers - Week 4 - 'Having good breath' (The Holy Spirit)

### Pre match warm up

What are you doing when you feel most alive? How often do you get to do this?

### First half

Read John 20 v. 19-22 (NLT)

- What were the differences in these disciples before and after this encounter with Jesus and the Spirit of God?
- Why was it important for the disciples to know Jesus for who He was before they were filled with the Holy Spirit? Do you think that is necessary for us today?
- After this event Jesus returned to heaven and then shortly after it was Pentecost. What do you think was the significance of this encounter in terms of Pentecost? Why were the two separate events necessary?
- Jesus filled the disciples with the Spirit as commissioning for sending them out. In what ways do you think the Holy Spirit equips us to share with others?

### Second half

- Do you think the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts are more commonly used in a church setting or unchurched? Why is this?
- What is your individual experience of the Holy Spirit? Have you had any experiences that have encouraged you or made you feel uncomfortable?
- How have you seen the Holy Spirit bring life into your life? How have you experienced changes in your character or with using spiritual gifts?
- How can we use our different spiritual gifts more effectively in unchurched settings without seeming odd or alienating those that we are speaking to?
- On Sunday we referred to Judges 6 v.34 (NLT) and how one translation suggests the Spirit of God 'wore Gideon like a glove.' How much of your life is already like this? What would you say still needs to change in you?

### Extra time

Take time to pray for the fresh breath of God in each other's lives. Leave time and room for praying into spiritual gifts and fruits where desired.

