



# Book of God - Acts 2

Men's Wednesday Meeting - April 22, 2026

This cleaned study guide is based on the teaching from the men's meeting and focuses on Acts 2, the day of Pentecost, the transforming power of the Holy Ghost, Peter's bold preaching, conviction, repentance, and the lifestyle of the early church.

## 1. Transformation, Not Mere Change

One of the central points of the lesson was that Jesus does not merely want to change us. He wants to transform us.

The distinction matters. Change can be external, temporary, or surface level. Transformation is deeper. It is a work of God that reaches into the nature of a man and reshapes him from the inside out.

The twelve disciples are a powerful example of this. Every one of them had issues, weaknesses, failures, and struggles. Yet Jesus chose them intentionally. Their lives prove that the Holy Ghost has the power to take ordinary, flawed men and transform them into vessels that carry the doctrine and the work of God.

The emphasis was not that these men were naturally strong, but that God was able to make them something different.

## 2. Pentecost Was an Appointed Fulfillment

Acts 2 opens with the statement that when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Pentecost was not a random event. It was an appointed Jewish feast that already existed. It came fifty days after Passover and Jerusalem would have been full of people from many nations because this was one of the commanded feasts.

This means the outpouring of the Holy Ghost happened at God's appointed time, in God's appointed setting, before a large audience that could witness the miracle.

The lesson emphasized that God had a timetable. The disciples had waited, prayed, and gathered, but the promise did not come until the exact moment that God had ordained.

### **3. Unity Before Outpouring**

A major point from Acts 2 was that the Holy Ghost fell when they were in one mind and one accord.

The lesson connected this to present-day church life. The most powerful services are not usually the ones where people come in distracted, scattered, and mentally divided. The strongest services happen when people are unified in spirit, focused on God, and prepared through prayer.

Pre-service prayer was highlighted as important because it helps bring the church into the right mindset. Scripture tells us there is a way to enter His gates and His courts. Thanksgiving and praise matter.

The upper room teaches us that unity creates an atmosphere where God moves powerfully.

### **4. The Outpouring of the Holy Ghost**

Acts 2 describes a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, cloven tongues like fire, and all of them being filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The lesson stressed that this was not reserved for a spiritual elite. The Bible says they were all filled. That makes the promise open to whosoever will.

The infilling of the Holy Ghost was described as a real, identifiable experience. It was not abstract, not merely emotional, and not only symbolic. There was visible evidence, audible evidence, and a response from those who witnessed it.

For men especially, the lesson pointed out that Acts 2 reveals what happens when control is surrendered to God. Men often want control, structure, and management. The Spirit does not want partial surrender. It wants the whole man yielded to God.

### **5. Tongues as a Real Sign**

The miracle in Acts 2 was not random speech. The people heard these Spirit-filled believers declaring the wonderful works of God in real languages they had never learned naturally.

The crowd contained Jews and visitors from many parts of the world, and they recognized the languages being spoken.

The lesson included examples showing that God still works this way. People may receive the Holy Ghost and speak in a language they have never studied, whether earthly languages or tongues unknown to them.

The point was that the Spirit takes control of the tongue, and that is part of the initial outward evidence recorded in Acts 2.

### **6. Responses to a Move of God**

Not everyone responded the same way. Some were amazed. Some were confused. Some mocked and accused them of being full of new wine.

That is still how people respond to a genuine move of God. Some are drawn, some are curious, some misunderstand, and some mock what they cannot explain.

The lesson emphasized that we cannot build our spiritual lives around the approval of the crowd. If a person waits for everyone else to approve their devotion, they will never go deeper in God.

Mockery did not stop Pentecost, and it cannot stop a true work of the Spirit.

## **7. Peter's Transformation and Boldness**

One of the strongest examples of transformation in Acts 2 is Simon Peter. Not long before this moment, he had denied Jesus under pressure. Now he stood with boldness before thousands.

Peter's courage was presented as proof of the transforming power of the Holy Ghost. This was not personality development. It was spiritual transformation.

Before Pentecost he had crumbled. After Pentecost he stood. The same man who could not hold his ground before a servant girl now preached openly to a crowd and declared Jesus Christ with authority.

The lesson drew a contrast between fleshly boldness and Holy Ghost boldness. Fleshly boldness may come from ego, anger, or volume. Holy Ghost boldness comes from the Spirit of God and is backed by God Himself.

## **8. Peter's Message Was Centered on Jesus**

Peter did not use the moment to draw attention to himself or to the crowd. He preached Jesus.

He preached the works of Jesus, the crucifixion of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus, and the exaltation of Jesus. He explained that all of this was in line with prophecy and the foreknowledge of God.

The lesson stressed that any Pentecostal emphasis that loses Jesus at the center has lost its way. The Holy Ghost is not given to create a spectacle for spectacle's sake. It is given to magnify Jesus in a person's life.

Peter's preaching also showed that real preaching does not dance around truth. He confronted sin directly, exalted the Savior, and left the hearers at a point of decision.

## **9. Conviction: When the Heart Is Pricked**

Acts 2:37 says that when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart.

The lesson described conviction as the result of truth and the Holy Ghost working together. It is the piercing work of God that cuts through excuses and brings a person face to face with their condition.

This is not merely feeling emotional. It is a spiritual wound that awakens the soul and drives a person to ask, 'What shall we do?'

Several examples were discussed of conviction in personal life, including missing opportunities to witness, being too consumed by hobbies, or failing to respond when God opened a door.

The point was that conviction is a mercy. It is God steering a man's life before he goes too far.

## **10. The Apostolic Response to Conviction**

Peter's answer was clear: repent, be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

This was presented as one of the clearest salvation responses in the New Testament from an apostolic Pentecostal perspective.

Repentance was shown as essential. It is the broken acknowledgment that we are wrong, that we have sinned, and that we need to turn fully to God.

Baptism in Jesus' name and the infilling of the Holy Ghost were not treated as optional additions. They were part of the response to conviction and part of the promise.

Peter also declared that the promise was for them, for their children, and for all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

## **11. Humility, Gratitude, and Surrender**

A strong application point for men was the call to humility and gratitude.

The lesson emphasized approaching God from a place of humility: recognizing that we are nothing without Him and that we do not deserve His mercy on our own merit.

From humility flows gratitude. A man who knows he does not deserve what God has given him becomes thankful that God chose him anyway.

This posture keeps pride down and keeps the heart open to repentance, obedience, and usefulness.

## **12. Seizing God-Given Opportunities**

A key lesson from both Peter and later personal examples was that opportunities of a lifetime must be seized in the lifetime of the opportunity.

God creates moments that do not remain open forever. A man must be spiritually sensitive enough to recognize those moments and obedient enough to act.

A testimony was shared about a wrong turn, a broken-down truck, a Bible and some tracts on the dashboard, and a providential conversation that ended with an entire family receiving truth.

The lesson was simple but powerful: God may reroute a schedule to create a divine appointment. A Spirit-led man must be willing to stop and obey.

## **13. Pentecost Produced a Lifestyle, Not Just an Event**

Acts 2 ends by showing what happened after the initial outpouring. They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers.

This part of the chapter proves that a real move of God does not stop at emotion. It produces devotion, generosity, unity, worship, and growth.

The lesson stated plainly that Pentecost is not merely an event to celebrate. It is a life to embody.

Spirit-filled men do not just worship harder. They live holier, love deeper, give freer, and stay rooted in doctrine.

The church is not simply the crowd that shows up. It is the body of people who submit and surrender to this lifestyle.

## **14. What Stands Out About Apostolic Life**

In discussing the difference between apostolic church life and other experiences, the lesson highlighted the presence of God, the depth of worship, the power of preaching, and the undeniable reality people feel even when they do not fully understand it.

People may initially think Pentecostal worship is unusual, intense, or beyond what they are used to. Yet the genuine presence of God often overrules those reactions because something in them knows it is real.

That same pattern was present in Acts 2. The crowd may not have understood everything, but many knew they were witnessing something genuine.

## 15. Main Takeaways for Men

Jesus does not merely improve a man. He transforms him.

The Holy Ghost is a real experience with real evidence and real power.

Unity matters. God often moves most powerfully when His people are together in spirit.

A move of God will not be understood by everyone, but that cannot stop our obedience.

Holy Ghost boldness can make a fearful man stand in courage.

True preaching brings a man to decision, not just discussion.

Conviction is painful, but it is a gift from God.

Repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and receiving the Holy Ghost remain central.

Pentecost should shape our daily life, not just our church service.

Spirit-filled men must be humble, grateful, obedient, and ready when God opens a door.

## Discussion Questions

- What is the difference between change and transformation?
- Why was it important that they were all in one accord before the Holy Ghost fell?
- Why do some people mock what they do not understand spiritually?
- What made Peter so different in Acts 2 compared with before Pentecost?
- What does real conviction feel like, and why is it important?
- Why is repentance necessary for salvation?
- How can men cultivate humility, gratitude, and sensitivity to the Spirit?
- In what ways does Pentecost shape daily life, not just church services?

## Closing Emphasis

The Book of Acts shows that God takes ordinary men and fills them with extraordinary power. The same Spirit that fell in Acts 2 still transforms lives today. The call is not to admire Pentecost from a distance, but to live in its power, walk in its truth, and let it shape the way we worship, witness, repent, and live every day.