



The Church is Born

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BIG IDEA: The Holy Spirit turns waiting **DISCIPLES** into bold **WITNESSES** on mission and the Church is born

PREPARATION: A Unified, Expectant People

Acts 1:12-26

- Before the Spirit moves powerfully through them, God forms something **WITHIN** them:
 - Unity, dependence, and readiness

POWER: The Holy Spirit Comes

Acts 2:1-13

- **PENTECOST** was a major Jewish festival celebrating God's provision and God's Word with people gathered from many nations in one place. Celebrated 50 days after Passover.
Exodus 34:22-23; Leviticus 23:15-22
- The Holy Spirit came on this day as the **FIRSTFRUITS** of the believer's inheritance
2 Corinthians 5:5; Ephesians 1:11-14
 - "A sound like a mighty rushing wind" *Ezekiel 37:9-10; John 3:8*
 - "Divided tongues as of fire appeared...and rested on" *Exodus 3:2-6; Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16*

PROCLAMATION: The First Christian **SERMON**

Acts 2:14-36

- This is God's plan (v.v. 14-21) *Joel 2*
- Jesus is the center (v.v. 22-24)
- Scripture confirms it (v.v. 25-31) *Psalm 16*
- We are witnesses (v. 31)
- Jesus is exalted (v.v. 33-35)
- Clear conclusion (v. 36)

THE RESPONSE: Lives Transformed

Acts 2:37-47

- Immediate response (v. 37)
 - "Cut to the heart"
 - "What shall we do?"
- Peter's call (v.v. 38-40)
 - **REPENT** *Luke 3:8-14; Acts 3:19, 26:20; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 Peter 1:13-16*
 - Be **BAPTIZED**
 - Receive *forgiveness* and the *Holy Spirit*
- The results → **3,000** saved in one day = New community forms (v. 41)
- DNA of the Early Church (v.v. 42-47)

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WHY does it matter/**WHAT** does it mean for me?

1. You don't need more time; you need the Holy Spirit's **POWER**
 - **Truth:** The life of a Christ-follower is not simply difficult at times; it's **IMPOSSIBLE** apart from the Holy Spirit
 - **Ask:** *Where am I relying on my own strength instead of depending on the Holy Spirit?*

2. The gospel demands a **RESPONSE**; it's not just about information, it's about transformation *Acts 2:37-38*
 - **Truth:** If the gospel hasn't *changed you*, you may have heard it—but you haven't fully **RESPONDED** *James 1:22; 2 Corinthians 5:17*
 - **Ask:** *What is the Holy Spirit convicting me of right now, & what am I going to do about it?*

3. You are not saved to **SIT**, but to **JOIN** a community on mission
 - **Truth:** Wherever you LIVE, WORK, and PLAY, that is your **MISSION** field
 - **Ask:** *Who has God placed in my life right now that I need to step out and be a witness to?*

Memory Verse:

*And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
Acts 2:38 ESV*

My next step today is to...

- Memorize Acts 2:38
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get baptized
- Read Acts chapter 2 this week
- Check out the Sunday Extra Podcast to go deeper with the discussion on Acts
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Additional Notes:
