

NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTHOUSE LESSON

LESSON 2: THE CHURCH JESUS STARTED | ACTS 2



15 min | Fellowship & Food/ Snacks
0:10 – 15 min | Worship & Prayer
0:30 – 45 min | Connect Group Lesson & Discussion
(encourage attendees to make room for everyone to share)
Conclude with Personal Prayer & Ministry Time

SCRIPTURE READING

SERIES VERSE:

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

LESSON VERSE: Acts 2

Have the group read Acts 2, taking turns when possible.

The Church was birthed not at the Cross, but at Pentecost! We need power to be His Church!

LESSON NOTES

THE DAY THE CHURCH WAS BORN

The book of Acts chapter 2 is one of the most powerful and controversial chapters of the Bible. Within its story we gain an understanding of the necessity of divine power needed to fulfill the Great Commission.

Let's take a moment and read this quote from a famous theologian, A.W. Tozer.

For the church to be true witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus, they would do the works of Jesus. The works of Jesus only take place by the power of the Holy Spirit, now indwelling the believers in the upper room!



“If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.”

– A. W. Tozer

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A unique aspect to the outpouring of the Spirit in ACTS 2 is that God came to dwell not just UPON the church, but now WITHIN! The church was the answer to God's desire for a tabernacle, a BODY of believers. It the indwelling Spirit of God within us that makes us the BODY of Christ.

GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What role do you believe UNITY had in being prepared for the outpouring of God's spirit? “They were in one accord...” How can preserving UNITY serve us as a body of believers today?
2. Who is the promise of the Holy Spirit for? Does it end with the early church? (Acts 2:38) Why or why not?
3. What do you think of the quote from A.W. Tozer? Is it true or false? Why is that?
4. What qualified the early church to now receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit within themselves? (The blood of Jesus - Acts 2:33)
5. Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? If so, what was your experience? Is there further baptisms of the Spirit?

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