

THE CHURCH IS BORN

Acts 2:1-47

Key Verse: 2:36

1. Read verses 1-4. What is the day of Pentecost? Where were the believers and what were they doing? What happened? What does this suggest about the power of the Holy Spirit?
2. Read verses 4-13. What happened to those who were filled with the Holy Spirit? What is the relationship of this event to the missionary command of Jesus? In what way is it a contrast to Babel in Genesis 11?
3. Read verses 14-21. How did the Holy Spirit change the Apostles? How did Peter explain? What does it mean for sons and daughters to prophesy; for young men to see visions and old men to dream dreams?
4. Read verses 22-24. What facts about Jesus did Peter proclaim? How did he view Jesus' crucifixion? Why is the resurrection so important?
5. Read verses 25-28. What was King David's resurrection hope? Why was it important to him? Read verses 29-36. How did Jesus' resurrection fulfill prophecy? What does this teach us about God? About Jesus?
6. Read verses 37-41. How did the people respond to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection? How should we? What is God's purpose to all who put their hope in Jesus and receive forgiveness of sins?
7. Read verses 42-47. Describe the life of the believers after the coming of the Holy Spirit. How are they different? In what sense have they become "a holy nation?"