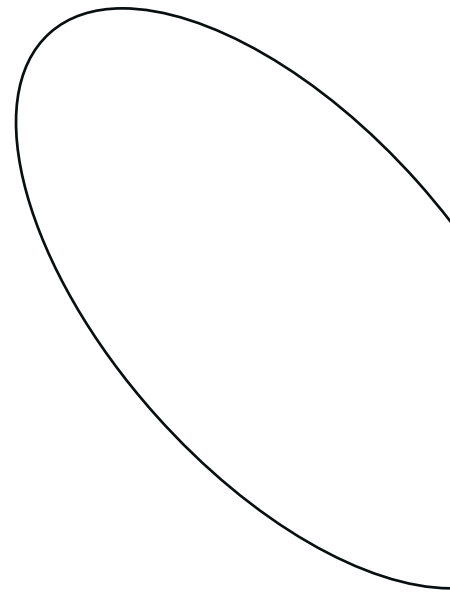




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when.

- The events in Acts 2 took place between 29-30 A.D. - These events occurred approximately 50 days after Jesus' resurrection.

characters.

- **Holy Spirit** - God's Spirit who empowered the Apostles to continue Jesus' work on earth.
- **Peter** - One of the Apostles whose speech is recorded in Acts 2:14-40.
- **Apostles** - Jesus' students and witnesses of His resurrection.
- **120** - Disciples in the upper room on the day of Pentecost
- **Jews** - Jews from around the world gathered in Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost.

where.

- The events of Acts 2 happened in-and-around the city of Jerusalem.
- Jews from various nations travelled to Jerusalem for Pentecost. Some of the nations are

listed in Acts 2:9-11. For more information see our handout "The Nations Gathered for Pentecost" on our website.

Notes

Reflection & Application



outline.

- PENTECOST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT (2:1-4):

- + In Acts 1, Jesus told the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit arrived.
- + The Apostles were all gathered together on Pentecost (an annual Jewish feast day) when the sound of a strong wind filled their house.
- + “Divided tongues as of fire” appeared and rested on each of them.
- + They were filled with the Holy Spirit, who enabled them to speak other languages.

- A CROWD GATHERS AROUND THE APOSTLES (2:5-13):

- + Hearing the wind-like sound coming from the Apostles house, the people in the area started gathering to inspect the scene.
- + The crowd was very diverse (Acts 2:9-11) yet they were all hearing the Apostles speaking in their own languages.
- + Some people mocked the Apostles and accused them of being drunk.

- PETER SPEAKS TO THE PENTECOST CROWD (2:14-41):

- + Peter addressed the group and began explaining what was happening.
- + The arrival of the Holy Spirit was the fulfillment of a prophecy in Joel 2:28-32.
- + Peter, with the help of the Holy Spirit, made the case from the Old Testament that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ.
- + Jesus was the fulfillment of David’s words in Psalm 16:8-11 when he wrote “For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.”
- + Peter argued that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven to sit at God’s throne in fulfillment of Psalm 110:1.
- + Peter told the Jews to repent of their rebellion against God and be baptized.”
- + 3,000 Jews were convicted by Peter’s words and were baptized.

- THE UNITY OF THE BELIEVERS (2:42-47):

- + All of the new “believers” devoted themselves to the teachings of the Apostles.
- + They shared their possessions with anyone in need.
- + They met daily in their homes and in the Temple.
- + The Lord added many new believers to their group day by day.

application.

- The unity of the early believers could be observed in their words, in the way they spent their money, and in the way they spent their time.
- Their unity was much deeper than a weekly meeting on Sunday morning.
- The modern Church can’t expect to experience the results of the early Church until they are devoted and unified in the same way.
- Too many churches are preaching a gospel that requires little to no commitment from their members.
- Committing your life to Christ is a HUGE commitment and should not be entered into lightly.