

The Church that ACTS out!
The Church Comes Alive!
"When Someone Lets You Down"

Listen Up

- Remembering the excitement of Graduation!
 - What if...The Ultimate Principal Promise and Challenge
- The Promise and Challenge given to the Followers of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8)
- Why wait for 10 days?
 - Timing! Timing! Timing!
 - Produces an Awareness of our needs
- The significance of Pentecost
 - The Fulfillment of a Promise and a New and Better Way
 - Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) = Giving of the Law
 - Promise of a New Covenant (Jer 31:31-34)
 - Religion of Law to Gospel of Grace (Heb 8:13)
 - The Gospel in a tattoo (Lev 19:28)
 - The Promise of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17)
 - Promise of Strength (Phil 4:13)
 - Promise of Courage (2 Tim 1:7)
 - Promise of Comfort (Jn 14-17)
 - Promise of Remembrance (Jn 14-17)
 - Promise of Christlikeness (Rom 8:12-14)
 - So Much More!!!!
 - The Promise of His Presence with us Always (Matt 28:20)

Dig into the Word (Acts 2:1-13)

- Coming together as One (Acts 1:1)
 - Individual Faith and Corporate Faith
- Wind and Fire, what a sight! (Acts 1:2-3)
 - Evidence of God's presence
 - Inauguration of New Covenant
- Filled with the Spirit (Acts 1:4)
 - Receiving the Spirit and Filled with the Spirit
- What language can I borrow? (Acts 1:5-9)
 - Tower of Babel and the miracle of Pentecost
- Various Responses (Acts 1:12)
 - Accept, question, or discredit

So What?

- We have the Power to truly be the Church and to tell the Story
- When we are filled with the Spirit, we are attractive to others
- Don't be Ashamed to Tell Others of Jesus
 - The Pastor and the Bookcase!
- Going forward as graduates and as a church:
 - Live a life of "graceful obedience"
 - Live a life that is Spirit filled and Spirit enabled
 - Trust and Obey; Trust and Do; Trust and Be; Trust and Go

• **Final Thought**

- Penn and Teller and the Likeable evangelist

Discuss Around the Table

- What stood out to you the most about today's sermon? How would you summarize the message?
- How would you describe and explain the Holy Spirit to someone who had never heard the message before?
- Why was the arrival of the New Covenant on the day of Pentecost so meaningful?
- Which of the promises of the Spirit most excites you? Which do you depend on the most?
- What is the difference between "filled" and having the Spirit?
- Focus on the picture below. It is called "Pentecost" by El Greco. Take some time to study it. What stands out to you? What do you see in their expressions and their posture? What do you gather would be the painter's theology of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit?



