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Teaching Notes

Series: Being the Church
Week Two

Acts 2:1-16 (NLT)

¹On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.²Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.³Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.⁴And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.⁵At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.⁶When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.⁷They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee,⁸and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!⁹Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism),¹¹ Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!"¹²They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.¹³But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"

¹⁴Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that.¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: ...

We're not always _____ for how the ways of God and the works of God will impact us!

The gift of the Holy Spirit was for one purpose... to build the _____ kingdom!

When God generates curiosity in folks... do we become " _____ "?

Acts 2:36-41 (NLT)

³⁶"So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!" ³⁷Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles— all who have been called by the Lord our God." ⁴⁰Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" ⁴¹Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Bold witnesses were used to turn thousands of _____ into _____!