



# NL STUDY GUIDE

## CHURCH *under* CONSTRUCTION: PART 2: THE SPIRIT COMES

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### **ACTS 2:1-4**

**1** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

**2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

**3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

**4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

### **ACTS 2:6-8**

**6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

**7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"

**8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

### **ACTS 2:12**

**12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

**13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

**14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

**15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

**16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17** "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

**18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

### **ACTS 2:21-24; 36**

**21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

**22** "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

**23** This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

**24** But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

**36** "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

Use this guide for personal and family devotions and weekly groups.

# SCRIPTURE

## ACTS 2:1-4, 6-8, 21-24, 36

Watch this week's Life Group Session: [nlchurch.com/actsvideos](http://nlchurch.com/actsvideos).

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# OBSERVATION

In just one day, the church grows by 3,000 people. What was just a rag-tag bunch of people hiding out from both the Jewish authorities and the Roman government is now a church the size of New Life! Use the questions here to engage your group in discussion and observations on the passage.

## Historical Note

*Pentecost* is the Greek name for the Jewish festival "Feast of Weeks," which commemorated when God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. According to Luke (the historian who wrote the book of Acts), the Holy Spirit arrived on this day, which is actually 50 days after Christ's Resurrection--and the word "Pentecost" actually means "the fiftieth day."

- 1 When you read this passage, what do you notice about the way the Holy Spirit arrived and what happened next? How does this affect the way people may view Him?
- 2 At least 14 places are mentioned in Acts 2, and all of them heard "the wonders of God in our own languages." What is significant about this?
- 3 Over the course of 17 verses, the fisherman Peter delivers the first sermon about Jesus. How can this encourage us to share our faith?

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# APPLICATION

When you apply something, you put it into practice. It's one thing to read the Bible, it's another thing to live it out. A practical application of what you just observed from today's study can help you discover just how much impact Scripture can have on every situation of your life!

In this section, discuss together ways you can apply what you've learned from the video teaching and Bible study. Then, think about some practical ways you can live out what you've learned.

- 1 Have you ever felt "weird" about sharing your faith? What can you learn from the disciples experience in Acts 2 that may help you feel more comfortable?
- 2 The Holy Spirit gave the disciples the ability to speak in many languages, but all for the purpose of hearing "the wonders of God" in their own languages. How can you use what God has empowered you with to share the wonders of God with people in your community?
- 3 Some people might respond negatively as you share your faith. Some people even accused the disciples of being drunk. What can you learn from Peter's response?

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# PRAYER

Use the space below to write out your prayer in response to today's message.

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