

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

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ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT #2 – A POWERFUL WITNESS

INTRODUCTION:

- Have you ever traveled where you didn't speak the language? What happened?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:

Note: Acts 2 is the birth announcement of the church. The disciples are transformed from a group of waiting individuals to a community empowered to act as the body of Christ.

Read Acts 2:1-21; 36-41

- Jesus told them to wait to receive the Holy Spirit. (1:4) What were they expecting? (1:6)
- Why did God wait until Pentecost, a Jewish harvest festival (Dt 16:9-10) to give the Holy Spirit?
- How far had these pilgrims come? (5, 9-11)
- What happened when the Holy Spirit came? (2-4)
- Who made fun of them? (13)
- How does being filled with the Spirit relate to bearing witness to Jesus?
- How does this happen today?
- Can you become a Christian without being filled with the Spirit? Explain.
- If you had been a part of this gathering how would that affect your future ministry?
- When have you experienced an empowering from God to witness about Christ?
- What was the effect of Peter's speech through the power of the Holy Spirit? (41)

APPLICATION:

- When have you experienced an empowering of the Holy Spirit to witness about Christ?
- What are you going to do to be better prepared for God's Use?

God has provided for us an abundant and fruitful Christian life. Personal traits of a spiritual person that result from trusting God are love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, faithfulness, goodness, Christ-centered life, empowered by Holy Spirit, introduce others to Christ, have effective prayer life, understand God's Word, trust God, obey God. Most Christians are not experiencing the abundant life because they are trusting in their own efforts to live the Christian life. Jesus promised the abundant and fruitful life as a result of being filled (directed and empowered) by the Holy Spirit. We are filled with the Holy Spirit by faith. Desire to be filled (Matt 5:6; John 7:37-39), confess sins (1 John 1), present every area of life to God (Rom 12;1,2) and by faith claim fullness (Eph 5:18, 1 John 5:14,15)

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