

10 DAYS



Video Session Outline

I. What role did the Holy Spirit play in establishing the early church?

- A. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would receive power from the Holy Spirit to be his witnesses on earth.
- B. On Pentecost, as the disciples and others gathered together in an upper room in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit came in the form of wind and fire.
- C. In the Old Testament, the presence of God manifested in wind and fire. Now, God was saying his presence would indwell every believer in Jesus.

II. How did the church grow and spread throughout Judea and Samaria?

- A. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, preached the first sermon.
- B. Peter revealed to his Jewish audience that Jesus was the next step in their faith. On that day, three thousand people were added to the church.
- C. Tensions in Jerusalem mounted, as many of the Jews (especially the religious leaders) believed the message of the early believers to be blasphemous.
- D. Stephen became the church's first martyr. A persecution broke out, led by a man named Saul, that scattered the followers of Jesus.

III. What led to Saul becoming an apostle of Jesus?

- A. Saul went to Damascus to arrest followers of Jesus who had fled there. On the way, he encountered the risen Jesus, and his life was forever changed.
- B. Saul, whose Roman name was Paul, ended up preaching the gospel in Damascus. He then joined forces with a leader named Barnabas in Antioch.

IV. How did Paul begin to spread the gospel to the world?

- A. Paul, Barnabas, and other co-workers were commissioned to go on a series of "missionary journeys" to spread the gospel in Asia Minor and Greece.
- B. Meanwhile, many Jewish believers were having trouble getting over the fact that God would allow Gentiles into his plan. This was ultimately resolved at a council in Jerusalem.
- C. Paul wrote letters to the churches he established to explain how to live like Jesus and be in community with one another. These letters make up a large part of the New Testament.
- D. Our commission is the same as these early followers—to spread the message of God's kingdom to every corner of the world.



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I. What is Bible Simplified?

Psalms 119:33-39

A. The Bible was written _____ , even if it wasn't written _____ .

II. Being a Witness

Acts 2:37-41

A. Kingdom of God was _____ Here.

B. Jesus is now _____ .

C. _____ were living like that was true.

D. Are you willing to _____ in what He is already doing?

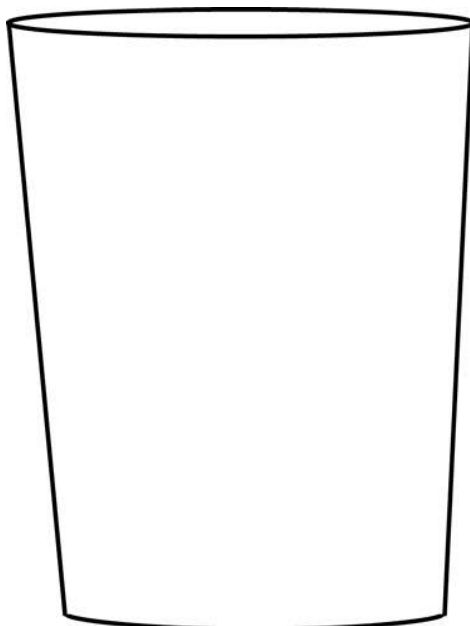
III. Being a Disciple

John 7:37-38

A. The _____ Expansion into our Community.

B. The _____ Discipline of our own soul.

Ready to Pour?



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