



**SESSION AIM**

Help teachers and group leaders understand how the workbook, visuals, glossary, and teaching resources work together within the Fireproof Studies Resource Cluster system.



**BIG IDEA**

Resource Clusters are designed as interconnected theological learning systems that move from doctrine to understanding to teaching and application.



**RESOURCE CLUSTER:**

The Launch of the Church



**MAIN THEME:**

The Church Launches by the Power of the Spirit



**WORKBOOK SECTION:**

"The Big Picture" pp. 33–41



**SUGGESTED TIME:**

45–60 Minutes

**TEACHING FLOW: HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE CLUSTER**

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**READ SCRIPTURE**

- Begin with the key passages.
- Invite God's Spirit to guide understanding and teaching.

**KEY PASSAGES**

Matthew 16:18  
John 20:22  
Acts 2:1–4

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**EXPLAIN WORKBOOK SECTION**

- Present the doctrinal content from the workbook.
- Move from promise → preparation → power and mission.

**WORKBOOK REFERENCE**

"The Big Picture" pp. 33–41

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**EMPHASIZE KEY TRUTHS**

- Highlight the key theological emphases of this lesson.
- Keep Christ and His mission at the center.

**SEE RIGHT COLUMN**

Key Emphases for RC1

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**USE VISUALS TO TEACH**

- Use timelines and charts to clarify chronology and relationships.
- Let visuals reinforce big concepts.

**RECOMMENDED VISUALS**

See Right Column and RC Visuals

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**CLARIFY COMMON CONFUSIONS**

- Address likely misunderstandings.
- Strengthen accuracy and clarity.

**SEE RIGHT COLUMN**

Common Confusions

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**FACILITATE DISCUSSION**

- Use the discussion questions to engage the group.
- Encourage thoughtful participation.

**SEE BELOW**

Discussion Questions

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**APPLY AND RESPOND**

- Guide the group to apply truth to life and mission.
- Close in prayer and commitment.

**SEE BELOW**

Application and Prayer Focus

**KEY EMPHASES FOR RC1**



**Christ Builds the Church**

The church begins with Christ, not human invention.



**Pentecost Launches the Church**

Pentecost marks the public outpouring of the Spirit.



**The Spirit Empowers Mission**

The Spirit serves Christ's mission in the world.



**The Gospel Expands to the Nations**

The good news moves outward to all peoples.



**The Church Is One Spirit-Formed People**

One body, one Spirit, one mission in Christ.

**COMMON CONFUSIONS**

- 1 Did the church suddenly appear in Acts 2?**  
No. Christ gathered and prepared His people before Pentecost.
- 2 Does this minimize Pentecost?**  
No. Pentecost publicly launches and empowers the church.
- 3 Is John 20 identical to Acts 2?**  
No. John 20 prepares; Acts 2 publicly empowers.

**RECOMMENDED VISUALS**



Acts 2 / 8 / 10 Expansion Timeline



Outpourings Comparison Chart



Pentecost and the Nations Visuals

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1** Why is it important to see Pentecost within the larger story of Christ's ministry?
- 2** What does Matthew contribute to the church's formation?
- 3** Why did the disciples still need to wait after the resurrection?
- 4** What is the significance of Christ pouring out the Spirit after ascension?
- 5** How does Pentecost launch the church into worldwide mission?
- 6** Why does this framework keep Christ central?

**APPLICATION**

- See the church through the lens of God's story.
- Stay centered on Christ and His mission.
- Rely on the Spirit for power and boldness.
- Engage in the mission of the Gospel among the nations.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Thank the Father for giving His church truth, teachers, and the Scriptures. Ask the Spirit to help believers grow in understanding, unity, and faithful witness through the study of God's Word in the name of Jesus.

**RELATED RC RESOURCES**

**WORKBOOK**  
• "How to Use This Guide"  
• pp. 15–16

**GLOSSARY TERMS**  
• Church  
• Pentecost  
• Holy Spirit

**VISUAL THEOLOGY**  
• Expansion Timeline  
• Outpourings Chart  
• Nations Visuals

**ARTICLES & MEDIA**  
• The Church Before Pentecost  
• Why Pentecost Matters  
• The Spirit and Mission

**FUTURE ADDITIONS**  
Videos, podcast episodes, and teaching media will be added.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Fireproof Studies resources are designed to work together as interconnected theological learning tools rather than isolated documents. The more you use the tools together, the deeper and clearer your understanding—and your teaching—will become.

