



**SESSION AIM**

Help the group understand how Pentecost was the Spirit's public outpouring, the birth of the Church, and the beginning of God's plan to bless all nations through the Gospel.



**BIG IDEA**

Pentecost was the Spirit's promised outpouring that empowered the disciples, birthed the Church, and launched the Gospel to the world.



**RESOURCE CLUSTER:**

The Launch of the Church



**WORKBOOK SECTION:**

"Pentecost: The Outpouring and the Birth of the Church (Acts 2)" pp. 42–55



**SUGGESTED TIME:**

60–75 Minutes

**TEACHING FLOW (Follow These Steps in Order)**

1



**READ SCRIPTURE**

- Read Acts 2:1–41 together.
- Invite God's Spirit to guide understanding and teaching.

**KEY PASSAGES**

Acts 2:1–13  
Acts 2:14–41

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**EXPLAIN WORKBOOK SECTION**

- Present the doctrinal content from the workbook.
- Move through the section: outpouring → proclamation → response.

**WORKBOOK REFERENCE**

"Pentecost" pp. 42–55

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**EMPHASIZE KEY TRUTHS**

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

**SEE RIGHT COLUMN**

Key Emphases for This Lesson

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**USE VISUALS TO TEACH**

- Use timelines and charts to clarify chronology and relationships.
- Let visuals reinforce key truths.

**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 THIS LESSON**



**The Spirit Was Poured Out**

The promised Spirit came with power, not in quiet, but with wind and fire.



**The Church Was Born**

This was the public beginning of the Church — the called-out people of God.



**The Gospel Was Proclaimed**

Peter proclaimed Jesus as Lord and Christ — the message was clear and bold.



**People Responded in Faith**

Those who heard were "cut to the heart" and called on the Lord.



**The Mission Went Global**

People from every nation were present — a preview of the Gospel to the nations.

**COMMON CONFUSIONS**

- 1 **Pentecost was only for the disciples.** Pentecost was for the Church and for the mission (Acts 2:39; Acts 1:8).
- 2 **Speaking in tongues is the main point.** The main point is the proclamation of Jesus and the birth of the Church.
- 3 **The Church began with Paul.** The Church began at Pentecost with the outpouring of the Spirit.
- 4 **The signs are more important than the message.** The signs pointed to the message — Jesus crucified and risen.

**RECOMMENDED VISUALS**

- Acts 2 Pentecost Timeline (Outpouring → Proclamation → Response)
- Pentecost and the Nations Visual (Every Nation Under Heaven)
- Before and After Pentecost Comparison (Disciples → Spirit-Empowered Church)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1 What happened at Pentecost according to Acts 2?
- 2 How did the outpouring of the Spirit change the disciples?
- 3 What was Peter's message in Acts 2:14–36?
- 4 Why were people so "cut to the heart" by this message?
- 5 What does verse 39 reveal about the purpose of Pentecost?
- 6 How does Pentecost show that the Gospel is for all nations?

**APPLICATION**

- Trust the Spirit to empower you for mission.
- Be ready to share the Gospel boldly.
- Remember that the Church exists for mission.
- Pray for the nations and for open doors.
- Live as a Spirit-empowered witness daily.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Thank the Father for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Spirit to empower us to proclaim Jesus boldly, to love the lost, and to carry the Gospel to the nations with compassion and power.

**RELATED RC RESOURCES**

**WORKBOOK**  
"Pentecost: The Outpouring and the Birth of the Church" pp. 42–55

**GLOSSARY TERMS**

- Pentecost
- Outpouring
- Church
- Baptism (Spirit)

**VISUAL THEOLOGY**

- Acts 2 Pentecost Timeline
- Nations Under Heaven
- Before and After Pentecost
- Outpourings Comparison

**ARTICLES & MEDIA**

- The Day the Church Was Born
- The Power of the Spirit
- The Gospel for All Nations

**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.

