

## **ACTS 2: THE INAUGURATION OF THE CHURCH**

### **Introduction**

Acts chapter two can be considered the inauguration of the church. The church was inaugurated in power, signs, and wonder. The disciples, in precise obedience to the commandment of Jesus in Acts 1:4-5, waited in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. And fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, on the Day of the Pentecost, the promise of the Holy Spirit came. We witness the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as prophesied by Prophet Joel and the birth of the New Testament church. We also see the gospel message being preached first time by Apostle Peter, who was appointed the head of the church by Jesus. The message was preached in Jerusalem and was obviously tilted to a Jewish audience. And lastly, we see the response of the people and the result, and a glimpse of the life of the young church.

As you read this passage, keep in mind Luke's motivation for writing the book of Acts; to show how the church developed and the progress of the gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. This is demonstrated by how he concludes this session and transitions into his next story in Acts chapter 3.

Acts 2:46-47 "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

As usual, down what the Holy Spirit drops in your heart and any questions that come to your mind.

### **Study the Scriptures: Read the Passage Acts 2:1-47**

Note your thoughts as you read:

Write down any questions that come to mind as you read:

**Think Through the Following Questions**

1. What is the significance of “the Day of the Pentecost”?
2. What do you understand by “speak with other tongues? Is there a difference between the “speak in other tongues” in Acts 2:4 and 8 compare to “speaks in a tongue” in 1 Corinthians 14:2
3. How do you explain Peter’s boldness in this passage compared to his attitude just a few weeks before when he denied Jesus and went hiding after his crucifixion?
4. What is the theme of the message of Peter? Do you think a non Jewship person can relate to the message of Peter and why?
5. What was the response of the people to the message of Peter?
6. How will you describe the early church's life as summarised in Acts 2:44-47?
7. What is the significance of Acts 2:47 in connection to Luke’s motivation for writing the book of Acts?

**Lesson Learned: Are there any new things you learned from this passage today**

**Application: How Do You think this will impact your thinking and/or actions going forward?**