



the upside down series  
week two: a mighty rushing wind

1. The Holy Spirit comes just as He \_\_\_\_\_
2. When the Holy Spirit comes it will be \_\_\_\_\_
3. When the Holy Spirit comes Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_
4. When the Holy Spirit comes a response is \_\_\_\_\_
5. When the Holy Spirit comes everything \_\_\_\_\_

*We are on our way! I hope you enjoyed the first week of class. I've been praying for each of you for weeks already. God is at work in your life right now as you continue to study His word!*



## day one: that mighty rushing wind

*Without the Holy Spirit there can be no Christian life and discipleship. We are about to see the Holy Spirit in action. I can't wait for the Holy Spirit to take over in your life and mine as we get to know Him more! Are you ready to go deeper?*

**interesting fact**

*Start your quiet time in prayer. Ask God to work in your life and give you insight. Then read Acts 2:1-13.*

The rushing wind is a portent of the speed of the gospel; the tongues of fire suggest the burning energy which causes believers to proclaim God's plan of redemption. Tongues of fire suggest man's voice speaking in God's power. Fire throughout the Word is symbolical of the presence of God.

### exploring the text

1. Fifty days had passed since Jesus had died. What did the day of Pentecost signify in Jewish tradition? (Hint: Exodus 34:22-23 and Leviticus 23:16).
2. All, Together, in One place. What is the impression that the author is giving us regarding the attitude of those who are waiting for the Holy Spirit?

3. Read vs.2-3 and describe the coming of the Holy Spirit with as much detail as possible.

4. What happened to the disciples when they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

5. What was the reaction of those who witnessed this filling?

6. Why do you think everyone who was filled with the Holy Spirit spoke a different language?

7. The indwelling vs. the filling of the Holy Spirit. The permanent indwelling of the

interesting fact

Pentecost means fiftieth and refers to the Feast of Weeks or Harvest which was celebrated 50 days after Passover in May/ June. It was one of 3 annual feasts for which the nation was to come to Jerusalem. At Pentecost, an offering of first-fruits was made. The Holy Spirit came on this day as the first-fruits of the believer's inheritance.

Those gathered into the church then were also the first-fruits of the full harvest of all believers to come after.





## day two: Spirit outpoured

*Yesterday was an intense study. Start today's quiet time by asking the Holy Spirit to fill you.*

*Today we will focus on Acts 2:14-21. Read the passage.*

### exploring the text

1. Who is the main preacher on the day of Pentecost?
2. Why were the disciples accused of being drunk? Did the accusation make sense?
3. How does Peter respond to these accusations?
4. How do you think Peter was able to quote the Prophet Joel from the Old Testament?
5. How many times does the phrase "pour out my Spirit" appear in today's reading?

verse

Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.





## day three: hear these words

*Begin your time with Prayer.*

*Today we will focus our reading on vs. 22-36.*

### exploring the text

1. List the truths about Jesus Christ that Peter expounds on in today's reading.
  
2. Why was Jesus raised from the dead according to verse 24?
  
3. Peter quotes King David from Psalms 16. This is a great psalm. Let's take a moment and read it.
  - a. Why does David have hope? Make a list of the reasons for his stability and hope.
  
  - b. What does God's presence give the believer?

interesting fact

In Acts there is a close connection between the activity of God's Spirit and the proclamation of the Gospel. Those who experience the baptism or filling of the Spirit begin to speak with others the truth about God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Are you doing the same?

4. How many times is the resurrection mentioned in the passage? Why does that matter?

5. Peter has turned into a great preacher. How do you account for the great change in Peter?

6. Let's go back to vs. 22 for a second. What does Peter urge his listeners to do?

### personal application

7. Think about your life. Are you hearing what God is saying? What are some hindrances to your hearing clearly?

8. How are you responding to what God is teaching you? Are you obedient to His word? Give some specific examples.





## day four: repent and be baptized

*I'm so glad you're still committed to God's work! I'm praying your week is showing more evidence of the Spirit at work in you!*

Today read Acts 2:37-41.

### exploring the text

1. What was the response of the people to Peter's great sermon?

verse

1 Thessalonians 1:9

Repentance involves a change of mind and purpose that causes one to turn from sin to God.

2. What did Peter tell the listeners to do in response to the preaching?

3. What does it mean to repent?

4. Why do you think God wants a believer to be baptized after turning to Him?

5. What can you glean about baptism from these verses in today's reading?





## day five: the perfect church

*Again, begin your time with Prayer.*

*This has been a long chapter. Great job on persevering through it!*

*Today's lesson is awesome. Read Acts 2:42-47.*

### exploring the text

1. We left yesterday's lesson with 3000 new church members. Wow. Imagine trying to get them all into Small Groups! What are the 4 activities in vs.42 that the followers of Jesus immediately participated in?
2. What was the response to the work of the Holy Spirit as described in vs.43?
3. What characterized the early believers in vs.44?

4. In what ways did the new believers' new life affect every aspect of their lives?

5. What was the heart response of the early believers to what was happening?

6. How did the surrounding communities and people view the early church?

7. How did God honor what was happening?

prayer

Lord, we long to be like the early believers. We want to be unified. We want to have eyes that see the needs of those around us. We ask for hearts that are quick to help and mouths that are quick to praise. We praise you for your generous and steadfast love towards us. Give us favor with those around us. Grant that more be added to our numbers. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

