

**Sermon Based Study Questions for 10.11.2015 Sermon  
Empowered By The Spirit: Getting Started  
Acts 2:37-47**

With the Holy Spirit's arrival, everything is changing! In our passage, the crowd reacts to Peter's explanation from Scripture about His arrival and the Church is born! The Holy Spirit shapes the early Church, as He transforms the first believers' lives. We have much to learn from them. . .

**Next Step: Let the Spirit impact how I relate!**

Ice Breaker Questions – (choose one to answer/ask)

- Have you ever experienced an “about face” and changed the course?
- Have you ever come under deep conviction? What was the outcome?

Questions

- Is there anything from Sunday's sermon that really stood out, made an impression, challenged or confused you?
- The apostles and the 3,000 new followers of Jesus were motivated by the Holy Spirit's arrival. What practical life changes do you think they experienced – at home, at work, in their community?
- How did the influx of 3,000+ believers likely affect the apostles?
- What were the challenges they all faced when deciding to sacrificially share?
- What are ways you have reached out to others and gave something of yourself in the past? What was the impact of that choice on your life? On the lives of those you have served?
- What do you think the Roman authority thought about all this activity?  
How about the Jewish religious authority?  
How does the world respond to the Spirit in us today?
- What does being “completely receptive to the Holy Spirit's influence” really mean?
- What typically trips us up, preventing us from being filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Does the Holy Spirit ever remind you about Jesus and His atoning work?  
How does the Spirit do it? What does it look like in your experience?

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## Application

- How have you been relating to the Scriptures? ...to others? ...to God Himself? ...to the world? How would you rate yourself?
- Did the Holy Spirit prompt you about a particular area He wants to work at in your life? What will you do about it?
- How can you facilitate devotion to His Word and an intensified relationship with Him?
- What opportunity to sacrificially share can you take advantage of this month?
- Can you name someone He is wanting you to Show and Tell about Jesus?
- Allow the Holy Spirit to empower you and transform you as you allow Him to impact how you relate to the world, to Him, to others, and to His Word in very practical ways.

Scripture Memory – Acts 2:38

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