
Acts 2: The Church Begins

The events of this chapter change the disciples – and all future believers – forever! Jesus promised in Matthew 16:18 “I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” In Acts 2 building the Church begins. What Jesus called his “Church” is the worldwide body of true followers of Jesus who are permanently indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live for him and spread his gospel message to the ends of the earth. The Church was a new thing that began when the Holy Spirit came to live in this tiny band of followers. This was a HUGE event! Until this event the Holy Spirit only temporarily empowered chosen people (kings, prophets and a few others). From this time on all true followers of Jesus are given this privilege permanently!

Think

How would you describe the Church to someone?

Talk

1. Read or watch Acts 2. How does God reveal the coming of the Holy Spirit to everyone?
2. What changes in Peter and the other disciples do you see?
3. Are all believers filled with the Holy Spirit? Are disobedient Christians filled with the Holy Spirit? Read Ephesians 5:18. How does this verse help us answer this question?

Act

Share what you have learned about the Spirit-filled life with someone this week.