

# ACTS STUDY GUIDE

## Chapter 2

**Pre-study question:** How would your life change if the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from you and your Christian community? Read

Read Acts 2 in its entirety.

### **Verses 1-13:**

Pentecost was the beginning of the new era of the Holy Spirit. Although His arrival was a unique and never-to-be repeated event, it began the ministry of the Holy Spirit for all of God's people as individuals.

If Pentecost would have been covered by the news show "60 Minutes" what events would have highlighted the story?

What were some of the various reactions to the events of the day?

Why do you think Luke emphasizes the wide variety of nations represented and languages spoken?

Read Genesis 11:1-9. Do you think Pentecost and this text are connected intentionally by God?

## **Verses 14-41:**

What do you notice about Peter as he addresses the crowd?

What is Peter's explanation of the bizarre events of the day?

Why do you think Peter connects the events to the words of David and Joel?

What does Peter reveal about Jesus through his Davidic quote?

Make an outline of Peter's message:

How did the people respond to his message?

What were Peter's initial instructions for getting right with God?

What spiritual and practical disciplines/habits did the first believers practice?

## **Personal Interaction with the word:**

How would you have felt if you were among the 120 who were filled with the Holy Spirit that day?

How is that different from your own experiences with God?

How would you have felt as a listener to Peter's speech?

What would you enjoy the most about being a part of the first church?

What would you find most challenging about being a part of that early community?

Read through the habits of the early church. Which habits are you practicing today? Which ones are you missing out on?