

The People of Jesus – Week 1
The Birth of the Church
Purpose of the Church

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“But you will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** comes on you; and you will be **my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8 (NIV)

1. Our Defining Moment – Receiving the Holy Spirit

“... Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
Acts 1:4-5 (NIV)

“Whoever believes in me... living water will flow from within him.”
By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given...
John 7:38-39 (NIV)

... we have all been baptized into Christ's body by one Spirit, and we have all received the same Spirit.
1 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT)

The church is Christ's body and is filled with Christ who completely fills everything.
Ephesians 1:23 (CEV)

... if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.
Romans 8:9 (NIV)

2. Our Job Description – Be His Witnesses

“... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8b (NIV)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...”
Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

“...Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people.”
Mark 16:15 (TEV)

“... As the Father has sent me, I am sending you...”
John 20:21b (NIV)

- **Outreach**
- **Connect**
- **Grow**
- **Serve**
- **Lead**

3. Our Excuse Terminator – The Dimmer Switch Principle

“You will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you...”
Acts 1:8a (NIV)

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
Acts 2:4 (NIV)

After they prayed... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.
Acts 4:31 (NIV)

Do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.
Ephesians 5:17-18 (NIV)

... I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you... For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:6-7 (NIV)