

**The King and His People
The Birth of the Church
Acts 2**
Sermon Notes for May 23, 2021

The Essential Ingredient: The F_____ of the Holy Spirit.

Consistent Characteristics of a Church Filled with the Holy Spirit:

1. A H_____ for U_____
2. A Clear P_____ of the G_____
3. A C_____ for T_____
4. An E_____ of Devoted C_____

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Discussion/Study Guide for
The Birth of the Church**

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Begin reading the books of Acts. What question do the disciples ask Jesus? Why do you think was on their minds at this time? What is Jesus' answer to their question?
- Read Acts 2:1-4. In what ways did the Holy Spirit manifest Himself to the disciples in the room in which they were gathered? What did these different manifestations symbolize?
- What is the essential ingredient that seems to be transferrable and experienced in other believers throughout Acts?
- In your own words what would you say it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit? What passages of Scripture would you use to support your answer?
- What was the result of the Holy Spirit's empowering the disciples to speak in different languages? Why is this significant?
- According to Acts 2:36, what did Peter want those who heard him to come to know for certain?
- According to Acts 2:38-41, what was Peter's response to the peoples' question of what they should do? Why are repentance and baptism an important response to the gospel?
- What is promised to those who repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus?
- What are the characteristics of the new community described in Acts 2:42-47? How do these help us in assessing the Spirit's filling in our own church?
- Please pray for the Holy Spirit's filling in our lives and church.