

Pentecost:

Empowered by the Spirit to Birth the Church & Make Disciples

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Scriptures:

Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 1:1-5 & 6-8; Acts 2:7-8; 2:22-24; 32-33; 36-41

Big Idea:

The church was born as a movement of God's People. It's still moving.

I. How have we gotten to where we are?

- Rediscovering the Word – “Church”
- William Tyndale's significance in the movement and message of the Church

II. God will Build His Church.

- (Matthew 16:17-18)

III. Ascension after Resurrection but Before Pentecost.

Understanding the Benefits of the Ascension:

- When Jesus ascended and sat down at the Father's right hand, as an act of his completed work on the cross. (Hebrews 10:11-14).
- When Jesus ascended, the intercessory work of Jesus on behalf of His people began. (1 John 2:1).
- When Jesus ascended, His eternal reign over all enemies began. (1 Peter 3:22).
- Finally, when Jesus ascended, the church was empowered to accomplish its mission. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

IV. The Beginning of the Movement

Almost two months after the Resurrection the Church officially launched.

- The Disciples Waited until Pentecost- Acts 1:6-8;
- The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost - Acts2:1
- Evidence of Pentecost - Acts2:6-8:
- Peter's Message at Pentecost - Acts2: 22-24; 32-32; 36-41

The important takeaway is that during the **Feast of Pentecost** three thousand people from 14 different language groups believed the Gospel of the Kingdom of God at the inaugural service of the Ekklésia... the Church!

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