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The Spirit Forms the Church

Called Out & Gathered In — Acts 2:1–13

The church was not **organized** into existence; it was **breathed** into existence when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. Real growth starts with God's power, not our programs.

OPEN Describe a time something you planned only worked because someone else showed up.

READ Acts 2:1–13 · Acts 1:4–8 · Genesis 11:1–9

BEHIND THE STORY

Pentecost

"Fiftieth" — the Feast of Weeks, 50 days after Passover. Pilgrims from every nation filled Jerusalem.

Wind & Fire

Echoes of God showing up: the breath of life (Gen. 2:7) and fire on Sinai (Ex. 19:18).

Babel Reversed

At Babel, languages divided people. At Pentecost, every tongue heard "the wonderful works of God."

Discover

1. What were the believers doing before the Spirit came (Acts 1:14; 2:1)? Why does that matter?
2. Verse 4 says "all" were filled. Who is left out?
3. Compare Babel and Pentecost. What does God reverse, and what does He keep?
4. The crowd was amazed and mocked (2:12–13). Why both?

Grow

1. Where are you trying to grow in your own strength instead of depending on the Spirit?
2. The first church prayed and waited together before it went out. How well do we?
3. Who in our community feels like an outsider to church? How could they hear God's works "in their own tongue"?

MEMORY VERSE

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me."
Acts 1:8 (KJV)

PRAY Ask the Holy Spirit to fill each person afresh and make this group "of one accord."

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