**“Your Continuing Mission”**

Going deeper in Acts 1:4-8 & Acts 2:1-4

**INTRODUCTION –** The Apostle Luke recorded in the opening verses of the Book of Acts, that after He had risen, Jesus appeared to his followers and over a period of 40 days he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God. And, just before His accession, Jesus gave his followers final instructions and He gave them their mission. Our mission. At Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the helper who would supply the power needed for our mission to be accomplished.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.*

Acts 1:4-8

**4**On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. **5**For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**6**Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”**7**He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. **8**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 2:1-4

# 2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A1-4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26954a)] as the Spirit enabled them.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What do the disciples think will happen when they receive the Holy Spirit? How does their idea of the Kingdom differ from Jesus’?

2. What mission has Jesus given to all who follow him? What does it mean to be his “witness”?

3. Why did God wait until Pentecost, a Jewish harvest festival, to pour out the Holy Spirit?

4. In comparison to what the disciples experienced at Pentecost, how would you describe your past experience with the Holy Spirit?

5. To which “Jerusalem” are you called to bear witness? How do you need the Spirit to help you?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Give thanks for the gift of the indwelling of the power of the Holy Spirit!

\*Ask that God would fill you anew with the power of his Spirit.

\*Ask for the Spirit to equip and enable you to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

All those who place their faith in Jesus receive salvation and the gift of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. All believers have been given the mission to be a witness for Jesus. We have a mission and God has given us the power to fulfill it. How are you doing with that? What will you do today to tap into the Spirit’s power and share the Good News?