**Limitless Power For An Unstoppable Mission**

ACTS 2:1-41

**Key Truth:** The Holy Spirit is given to every believer so that the church can be an effective witness to gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Dealing With Controversy:**

1. Pentecost was a singular occurrence not to be repeated.

2. What is the gift of tongues in Acts 2?

 A. It was getting out the gospel message.

 B. Some believe that it is a prayer language. 1 Corinthians 14

3. Speaking in tongues is a spiritual gift but not all believers

 possess that gift. 1 Corinthians 12

4. Every believer is baptized by Holy Spirit at the moment

 of conversion. Ephesians 4:5, 1 Corinthians 12:13

**What Does This Mean?**

1. The fulfillment of prophecy.

2. Salvation is for everyone who believes.

 A. Unlike in the Old Testament the Holy Spirit permanently

 indwells all believers. 1 Corinthians 3:16

3. Jesus of Nazareth is alive.

4. Jesus of Nazareth is seated at the right hand of God.

 A. He has authority over this world.

5. Jesus of Nazareth is both Lord and Christ.

 A. He must be taken seriously.

 B. Your life depends upon it.

**The Results Of The Holy Spirit’s Filling:**

1. Powerful Purpose - The Holy Spirit is given to unite

 and ignite the disciples under one mission.

2. Powerful witness from the disciples.

3. Powerful proclamation of the gospel.

 A. Resulting in conviction of sin.

 B. Resulting in repentance and salvation.

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Live everyday in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

**Connection Group Study Questions**

For the Week of May 7, 2017

Looking back at your notes from this weekend’s message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Our understanding of the Holy Spirit has caused a lot of division and confusion in the body of Christ. Why do you believe that is? What has been your upbringing or understanding of the Holy Spirit? How has that shaped your Christian life? How much of what you learned about the Holy Spirit was experiential or Scripturally based?

Read Genesis 11:1-9 and ACTS 2:1-13. What similarities do you see and what is different from each occurrence? Pastor Felton stated, “The Holy Spirit is given to unite and ignite the disciples under one mission.” Do you agree? Why or why not?

When Reading ACTS 2, what was the overall message from the Apostle Peter? Was the substance of his message more about the Holy Spirit or about Jesus Christ? Why do you think that was?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31: When Paul lists the gifts in order of importance, tongues is last. Why is it that so many people seek the sign gifts of tongues but not the gifts of service, or giving or mercy?

Read ACTS 2:36-41: What was it that convicted the crowd, the speaking in tongues or the proclamation of the gospel? What should the church be focused on doing?