



Week 1 – Power of the Church

ACTS 1:1-5, 2:1-4

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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DIVE INTO THE TEXT

- What does 1:2 tell you about how God speaks to His church?
- Jesus commands his disciples to 'wait' in 1:4 until the promised Holy Spirit. What does that tell you about the importance of the work of the Holy Spirit?
- In 2:4 what is the effect of the Holy Spirit? What does this say about the work God has for his church?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

- We don't regularly turn to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance. What prayers could you ask that the Holy Spirit would answer and guide?
- Where is God inviting you to 'wait' for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and not just rush ahead?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CHURCH?

- What does it look like to be a church trusting and guided by the Holy Spirit?
 - Be as specific as possible in various areas: worship, leadership, ministry, finances, etc.
- What are unhealthy indicators when the church doesn't live by the power of the Holy Spirit?
- What ways can Immanuel better worship and serve by the power of the Holy Spirit?

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