

God's Power to Go Viral
Sermon # 2, Acts 2:1-21

Main Point: *God sent His Holy Spirit, just as He promised, to empower us to go viral with Jesus' name to the nations.*

Getting to Know You

1. Name some activities or jobs that have been made easier by power tools (i.e. chain saws instead of hand saws; tractors instead of horse drawn ploughs; electric ovens instead wood burning ovens, etc.)

Getting into the Book

Read Acts 2:1-21

1. In order to help understand what happened at Pentecost, observe and name some basic details about this event; time, place (Acts 1:13), people (Acts 1:15), sounds, sight.
2. What was the reaction of the crowd that gathered?
3. Why was this a brilliant strategy on God's part to make the good news about Jesus go viral?
4. What is the repeated phrase in verses 6, 8, 11? What does this tell us about God's heart to reach the nations?
5. What did Peter give as the answer to their question in verse 12, "What does this mean?"?
6. What does it mean for us that each of the believers, not just the apostles, received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?
7. What is the Holy Spirit's role in taking the gospel viral? (Leader: allow the group to answer on their own, then turn to these specific passages.)
 - a. Conviction – John 16:8
 - b. Conversion – John 3:5-6
 - c. Confidence – Acts 4:31
 - d. Content – Luke 12:11-12

Getting Out There

8. How could relying on the Holy Spirit's power help you in going viral with the good news about Jesus?
9. Have each Family Group member give their answers to these questions:
Who are you reaching?
 - a. Reach up in prayer. What are the names of the three people you praying for to come to Christ?
 - b. Reach out in relationship. Who are you building an authentic relationship with?
 - c. Reach in with the gospel. When will you take a step of faith and share the gospel or your testimony with them?

Pray

Spend time in prayer for those mentioned who do not yet know Christ. Pray for opportunities with them to go viral with good news.