

The Unstoppable Church

Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-6

Introduction

■ Holy Spirit?

- Counselor
- Comforter
- Advocate
- Teach us all things
- Gives gifts

■ Does everyone have the Holy Spirit in them?

■ How does the Holy Spirit come to live in us?

Introduction

- **Jesus' need to return to the father**
- **What does Jesus mean when He says, "I will give you Another Counselor?"**
- **Why is it necessary for Jesus to return to the Father first?**

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(Acts 1:1-8)

- Book of Acts is story of early church
- Early church unstoppable
- Jesus instruction not to leave Jerusalem but wait for Spirit of God
- How long to wait?

Acts 2:1-6

- Disciples + 120 waiting
- Sound like rushing wind from heaven fills the whole house
- Tongues of fire resting on each one
- Whole group speaking different languages
- Peter speaks and 3,000 are added that day



Further into Acts

- Boldness of disciples
- Signs and wonders
- Healings and demons cast out
- Church growing under persecution
- Church helping and assisting other believers
- Church scattered, bring good news of Jesus Christ to people far away
- *An unstoppable church*

Lesson for Today

- **Do we believe that the same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and caused a huge explosion of the early church is also available to us?**
- **Boldness of disciples**
- **Signs and wonders**
- **Healings and demons cast out**

Lesson for Today

- If God can take a group of common folks and turn the world upside down for Jesus, can He do the same for us?
- If the church is live-giving instead of lifeless, how will we change?
- Do we believe we have the power to turn the high school upside down for Jesus?
- Do we believe we can make a difference for the cause of Christ?
- God has given us a vision

Lesson for Today

- Do we pray that God will release that power anew?
- Do we pray that God will release the Holy Spirit in this place this day?
- Ask God these questions this week and see what He reveals to you

Lesson for Today

- **We don't have to know what we're doing, God will show the way**
- **Do you think God will change the world through us?**
- **Are you willing to lose everything for the cause of Christ?**