

**September 26, 2021**

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**Sunday School  
International Lesson Series  
Fall Quarter Theme:  
Celebrating God!  
Unit 1  
God's People Offer Praise**

# Believers Praise God

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**ACTS 2:32-33, 37-47**

**Devotional Reading | Psalm: 134**

**Key Verse Acts 2:42 NIV**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

# Biblical Context

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- Jesus instructs the apostles to wait for the gift the Holy Spirit promised by God Acts 1:4
- Pentecost: (*Greek; fifty*) Annual harvest festival. Leviticus 23:15–21, Exodus 23:16
- *The Day of Pentecost*: Birth of the Church. Coming of the Holy Spirit to Believers. Acts 2:1-14

# Biblical Context

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- The Holy Spirit Came to Fulfill Gods Prophecy and Promise of Jesus. Joel 2:28-32 Acts 1:4
- The Doubting of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:13
- Peter preaches the first sermon to the Church Acts 2:14-47

# Lesson Aims

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- Understand the role of Jesus, the Word of God and the Holy Spirit our lives and the Church.
- Discern how the Holy Spirit inspires believers to share a life of worship and witness.
- Plan opportunities for others to hear the Word and begin a relationship with Jesus.

# Lesson Outlines

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- 1. The Piercing (Acts 2:32)**
- 2. The Promise (Acts 2:39-47)**
- 3. The Praise (Acts 2:43-47)**

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## Acts 2:22 - 24

**22** "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

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## Acts 2:22 - 24

**23** This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.



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## Acts 2:37 - 47

24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him

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## Acts 2:32 - 33

**32** God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. **33** Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

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## Acts 2:36 - 47

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

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### Acts 2:37 - 47

**38** Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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**Acts 2:37 - 47**

**QUESTIONS:**

**Have I Crucified Jesus**

**Have I acted in a manner that is unlike him?**

**Have I mistreated my brother or sister?**

**REPENT.**

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## Acts 2:37 - 47

**39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

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## Acts 2:37 - 47

**40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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## Acts 2:37 - 47

**44** All the believers were together and had everything in common.

**45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.



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## Acts 2:37 - 47

**46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

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## Acts 2:37 - 47

**47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

# LESSON REVIEW

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The Holy Spirit plays many roles in our lives.

- Conviction
- Cleansing
- Anointing
- Call for Witnessing

## LESSON APPLICATION

Spend some time this week reviewing the lives of the early Christians. Think about their devotion to learning doctrine, their commitment to the church, and the willing sacrifices they made for each other. Ask God to point out areas where you and your church may need to improve. Then determine to work on those areas.

# LIBERATING LESSON

## **The Prophetic Role of the African American Churches in the 21st Century**

James H. Evans, Jr. 2006

**How can the African American church recover and reclaim its prophetic mandate, mission, and message in the post-civil rights era?**

# LIBERATING LESSON

- **How can the African American church contribute to the realization of the kind of transformation and reconciliation that is called for?**

# LIBERATING LESSON

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- **What should be OUR prophetic voice?**
- **HOW SHOULD THE CHURCH IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY TODAY?**

# SUMMARY

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In order to receive the Holy Spirit, we must first have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Repentance is showing remorse for sin and showing an Internal change of heart and behavior.

Baptism is an outward expression of an internal commitment to Christ, It does not save you.

We should all strive to let Christ shine through us

Daily and invite others to Jesus Christ.

We should all be on one accord in Christ.