

God's Plan for His People

Acts 2; Romans 11; Ephesians 4

Lesson 7 Questions

First Day: Read Lesson 6 Notes.

The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.

1. What in the lecture led you to love and appreciate all God has done to help you stand for Jesus against opposition?
2. What thoughts from the notes helped you identify any spiritual complacency in your life that needs to be addressed?

Second Day: Read Acts 2:1-21.

After exploring the Lord's letters to the seven churches, this lesson traces the history and purpose of God's people. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ's Church was born at Pentecost.

3. a. Read John 7:37-39; 14:16-20, 26; 15:26-27; 16:7-11; and Acts 1:8. How was Jesus's promise of the Holy Spirit fulfilled?
b. What did the people at Pentecost have in common before and after this promise was fulfilled?
4. a. How does Peter's teaching of Joel's prophecy in Acts 2:17-21 speak about believers today and in the days to come?
b. Has the power of the Holy Spirit transformed and worked through you? If so, how?
5. Who in your life needs to know the truth of Acts 2:21? How will you share it?

Third Day: Read Acts 2:22-47.

The Holy Spirit draws people to repentance and to faith in Jesus Christ.

6. a. Why were the people at Pentecost "cut to the heart"?
b. How does this apply to all people? (See Acts 2:36 and Romans 3:22-23.)
7. a. What were Peter's instructions and promise? What do they teach you about God's plan of salvation?
b. How did the people respond?

- c. How do you see those responses expressed today among the people of God?

Fourth Day: Read Romans 11.

The Holy Spirit unifies Jewish and Gentile believers in Jesus Christ.

- 8. What do verses 1-10 say about God's relationship with the Jews? (See also Romans 1:16-17.)
- 9. a. What is the "root" in verse 16?
 - b. Who are the broken branches and wild olive shoot in verse 17?
- 10. How is God's grace displayed in verses 22-23?
- 11. How has God extended mercy and grace to you, uniquely and personally? How have you responded?

Fifth Day: Read Ephesians 4.

The Holy Spirit brings unity and maturity to God's diverse people.

- 12. What are the specific ways we are called to live as members of Christ's Church, in the unity of the Spirit?
- 13. a. What does it mean to "put off your old self" and to "put on the new self"?
 - b. How have you applied this personally and in relation to others?
- 14. a. How has the Holy Spirit worked through you to fulfill the commands in verses 25-32? List some examples.
 - b. How is the Lord working in your church in this way?

Sixth Day: Review Acts 2, Romans 11, and Ephesians 4.

Faith in the Deliverer unites God's people in Jesus Christ.

- 15. What have you learned about how God transforms His people—you, your local church, and the global Church—through faith in the Deliverer?

No Passage Discovery (homiletics, word study, etc.) assigned for Group and Administrative Leaders.