

## The Book of Acts

### **This Week:**

Lesson: Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2

### **Next Week:**

**Homework Scripture Read:** Acts 3

**Handout:** “Are Tongues Still Around Today?” by Dr. Mal Couch

### **Lesson Text:**

<b>Acts 2:1-13</b>	The Kickoff
<b>Acts 2:14-36</b>	Peter’s sermon
<b>14-21</b>	Qualification of Apostles & disciples to Jews
<b>22-36</b>	Identification of Jesus as prophesied Christ
<b>Acts 2:37-42</b>	The results
<b>Acts 2:43-47</b>	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Apostolic Communistic Church of Jerusalem

### **Discussion:**

- Discuss the gift of tongues, consider I Corinthians 12-14. *Ref handout*
- Discuss how the dynamics of the gift of tongues combined with the gathering at Jerusalem to spread the gospel throughout the Mediterranean region.
- Discuss the qualifications of the 12 appearing together and citing OT prophecies recently fulfilled (< 45 days)
- Discuss the communistic nature of the starting church in terms of NT period Jewish history *Ref “New Testament History” by F.F. Bruce*
  - Charter organization discussed in lesson 1a (Acts 1:12-15)
  - Separate communities of Samaritans, Zealots, Essenes
  - Communistic example of the Qumram community (Essenes?)
- Discuss apostolic authority in the starting church