

Small Group Questions for 12/29/24

Miraculous Births, The Church – [Act 2](#)

1. How does the birth of a body of people who identify in Christ differ from and yet also have similarities with the three previous births we have studied?
    - a. How are these recurring qualities true for the birth of the church?
      - i. The situation was desperate
      - ii. Something specific and extraordinary was announced beforehand
      - iii. Announcements generated questions they wanted answered
      - iv. God's gift must be received by faith
    - b. Include these verses as part of your discussion and answers
      - i. [Acts 1:6-7](#)
      - ii. [Acts 2:2-6](#)
      - iii. [John 14:26](#)
      - iv. [John 20:19](#)
      - v. [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)
  2. What is meant by the term "Baptism of the Spirit"? Include these verses as part of your answer.
    - a. [Judges 16:20](#)
    - b. [Psalm 51:10-12](#)
    - c. [John 14:16-17](#)
    - d. [Ephesians 1:13-14](#), [4:30](#)
  3. Examine below the different areas that Acts describes the newborn church as having. Then answer the following questions:
    - a. Significance for the proportion of verses allotted to each?
    - b. What does the proportion for each look like in our church?
    - c. What would happen if a church was missing one of the areas or overemphasized another in greater proportion?
      - i. Area 1—Beginning or birth of church ([Acts 2:4-13](#))
      - ii. Area 2—Bold preaching, teaching, evangelizing ([Acts 2:14-42](#))
      - iii. Area 3—Fellowship of believers ([Acts 2:42-47](#))
  4. PK stated that the #1 result of being filled with the HS in Acts is bold speaking.
    - a. How often does a person experience being baptized in the Spirit vs. being filled with the Holy Spirit?
    - b. How does a believer become filled with the Holy Spirit ([Ephesians 5:17-21](#))?
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