

- **Prophets** predict there will be a time when the Holy Spirit is **poured out** on all people.

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." Joel 2:28

Filled With the Holy Spirit

- "To be filled with the Holy Spirit" is a biblical **phrase** to put into words that which is **indescribable**.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

- 1) What has been your typical "image" of the Holy Spirit?

- 2) What is the importance of understanding that Jesus' ministry is carried on through the life of the church?

- 3) Describe your understanding of the trinity - God as one essence expressed in three persons.

4) What is the difference between the role of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and the role in the New Testament?

5) How is your understanding of the Holy Spirit changing?

6) How do you understand the term "filled with the Holy Spirit"?

7) It was stated that being filled with the Spirit is a metaphor for a life that has been emptied. How do you interpret this? What are some ways that you can empty yourself in order to be filled?

Daily Reading Plan:

This Reading Plan is an aide to help focus on "The Life of Christ" message series. Each week's reading's are preparatory for the upcoming message.

Monday - Acts 1

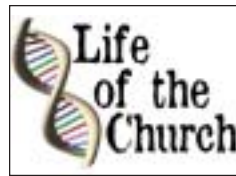
Tuesday - Luke 1

Wednesday - John 14

Thursday - Genesis 1

Friday - Exodus 1:1-11; Judges 6:14-34

Weekend - Colossians 4



Redeeming Notes

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"The Main Character" Acts 1:1-11

Introduction to Acts and its Main Character

- The author of Acts is **Luke, the doctor**.

"Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings." Colossians 4:11

- What began with Jesus is now carried on into the **life of the church**.

"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach..." Acts 1:1

- The main character of the book of Acts is **the Holy Spirit**.

Identifying the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is an **eternal person, not created**.

"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." Genesis 1:2

Primary **sign** of the Spirit's presence is **life!**

- Throughout the Old Testament the Spirit fills people for a special **time**, in a special **way**, for a special **task**.