

# 6 Empowered to proclaim

Ezekiel 36:22-28; Acts 1:4-8 and Acts 2:1-21

## Key verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8 NIV)

## Getting started

Discuss: If you could think of one thing needed to grow the Church, what would it be?



## Going deeper

### Read Ezekiel 36:22-28

- 1) What is the ultimate reason God rescues his people?
- 2) From what we've just read, how had Israel profaned God's name among the nations?
- 3) Why is it necessary that God send his Spirit?

### Read Luke 24:46-49 & Acts 1:4-8

- 4) If we hold Ezekiel 36 and these verses together, why is the Spirit so essential in the task of being Jesus' witnesses to the ends of the earth?

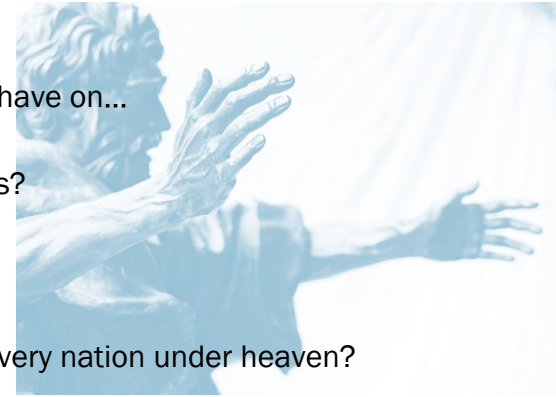
### Read Acts 2:1-21

- 5) What impact does the Spirit have on...

The 120 (Acts 1:25) disciples?

Peter?

The God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven?



- 6) Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32. "In these last days" that Joel describes, the age we are now living in, who will receive the Spirit (see also Acts 2:38-39 & Ephesians 1:13) and how will the Spirit enable the Church to fulfil its commission of proclaiming Jesus to all nations?



## Taking it home

From what we've seen, what are the marks of a Spirit-filled church?

If the Spirit empowers us to both live for Christ and speak of Christ how can this power be more evident in our lives?

Discuss & **Pray** through the implications of this study for our lives.