

Introduction: Getting perspective... then and now.

- Something to consider when you're "waiting" on God:

"To believe actively that our Heavenly Father constantly spreads around us providential circumstances that work for our present good and our everlasting well-being brings to the soul a veritable benediction. Most of us go through life praying a little, planning a little, jockeying position, hoping but never being quite certain of anything, and always secretly afraid that we will miss the way. This is tragic waste of truth and never gives rest to the heart. **There is a better way. It is to repudiate our own wisdom and take instead the infinite wisdom of God.**"

The Knowledge of the Holy (p. 63) by A.W. Tozer

- The wisdom of God assures us that He will bring about the best possible ends, by the best possible means, for the most possible people, for the longest possible time.
 - God's **plans** are _____!
 - God's **timing** is _____!
 - God's **methods** are _____!
- One of the primary purposes of how God birthed the church was to reveal the manifold wisdom of God in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 3:8-11

How did Jesus birth His new Spiritual Body?

1. He sent the _____ . Acts 2:1-13

1. When?
2. How?
3. Why?

- The Lesson: God's timing and methods are wrought in perfect wisdom both then and now – Romans 11:33
- The Question: In what situation do you need to trust God's wisdom?

2. The Holy Spirit spoke through an _____ Acts 2:14-36
_____ the message of life.

- The Message
 1. Explains what's happening Acts 2:14-21
 2. Gives 4 proofs of the resurrection Acts 2:22-35
 - The historical reality of Jesus Acts 2:22
 - The Old Testament prediction of His resurrection Acts 2:25
 - The disciple's eye witness account Acts 2:32
 - The outpouring of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:33
 3. Calls for a decision Acts 2:36
- The Lesson: The power is in the _____ not the messenger. Romans 1:16
- The Question: What's keeping you from sharing His message?

3. The Holy Spirit implanted the (eternal) life of Jesus within _____ Act 2:37-41
all who _____ and _____ Christ, as Lord and Messiah.

- The Result: The _____ is born! Romans 8:9
- How? The Spirit's _____! 1 Corinthians 12:13
- The Lesson: "He that has the Son has _____, 1 John 5:11-12
he that has not the Son of God does not have _____."
- The Question: Do you have the Son?

4. Jesus' spiritual body began _____ what He did Act 2:42-47
when He walked the earth in His physical body.

- What did they do? _____
- How? The Spirit's _____! Ephesians 5:18-21
- The Lesson: God's agenda for His people has not changed and Acts 1:8
His power is no less available today
- The Question: What's your "God-sized" dream for Christ's glory?

Discussion Questions:

1. What new thing did you learn about the Holy Spirit?
2. What turned the fearful Peter into the bold apostle? Where do you struggle with being bold in your faith?
3. What is the difference between the baptism of Spirit and the filling of the Spirit? Why does knowing the difference matter? (see Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 5:18-21)
4. On a scale of 1 – 10, share with a friend or mentor your current successes and/or struggles with . . .
 - . . . coming **Before God** daily
 - . . . doing life **In community** weekly
 - . . . being **On mission** 24/7
5. Do you have a God-sized dream? What is it? If not, continue to pray that God would reveal His design for your life.