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Acts 2: Prompted, Prepared, & Propelled (Ready, Set, Go!)

Introductory Statement: Jesus introduced a new way of doing life on the earth. He introduced a new government, with its own systems, customs, and principles, all of which supersedes what is known and operating in this earthly realm. He taught all who would listen about this Kingdom in which GOD, the Father of life itself, governs and rules as King. Jesus shared that all who were a part of this Kingdom will experience eternal life. However, citizenship of this Kingdom, although extending to all, is limited to all who receive His invitation within His prerequisites. During his physical presence in the earth Jesus Prompted those who would hear His message, Prepared those who would receive His message, and then Propelled into Ambassadorship those who would Re-Present this King and His Kingdom in the earth. Our study today focuses on the Actions of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Believers, as directed by Jesus, the Christ.

Summary Points:

- Why did Jesus come to the earth?
- What is the Kingdom of Heaven/Kingdom of God?
- How does one become a Kingdom Citizen?
- What is the Responsibility of Kingdom Citizenship?
- What role does the Governor of the Kingdom play in the citizens' lives?
- Is the Holy Spirit God?

Objectives: As a result of our time of study today each Believer in JESUS will better grasp the intention of this scripture passage and understand ways to personally apply these truths in daily living.



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THE WARM-UP

- **Jesus the Prompter – You Need a Change; You Need To Change**
 - John the Baptizer and Jesus Reveals that God has a Kingdom and that it is present (has come, coming soon)
 - Matthew 3:1-6 (NLT)
 - Matthew 4:17
 - John the Baptizer Reveals that Jesus, the Christ, will Baptize with the Holy Spirit and Fire
 - Matthew 3:11
 - Baptize – baptizo' (bap-tid'-zo) – submerge; immerse; overwhelm; to mark the element into which the immersion is made (bind one to... repentance)
 - John 1:15-16, 32-34
 - The Apostle Peter shares with Gentile Believers that Jesus was Anointed with the Holy Spirit and Power
 - Acts 10:37-38
- **Jesus the Preparer provides instruction about entering and living in God's Kingdom.**
 - Jesus declares that You Must Be Born From Above (Born Again) to See and Experience the Plans God Has for You In His Kingdom.
 - John 3:2-3,5-8



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- John the Baptizer bears more witness about Jesus' knowledge of the Father's Kingdom and how it Operates.
 - John 3:31-36
- Jesus informs Pilate that His Kingdom is not of this earth.
 - John 18:36
- Jesus Prepares His disciples by sharing insights into the Kingdom's Operations
 - Matthew 13:23-25- The Kingdom of Heaven is like Wheat and Weeds
 - Matthew 13:32-33 – The Kingdom of Heaven is like Yeast in Bread Making
 - Matthew 20:1-3 – The Kingdom of Heaven is like a Land Owner with Vineyard Workers
 - Matthew 20:25-28 – The Kingdom of Heaven Has Servant Leaders
 - Matthew 5:43-48 – The Kingdom of Heaven & Love for Enemies
 - Luke 6:38 – The Kingdom of Heaven and Giving
- Jesus Prepares the Disciples for His Departure and the Arrival of the Holy Spirit
 - John 14:1,6,12,15-17 – Jesus Shares that the Holy Spirit will no longer just be with the disciples, but He shall Abide In Them



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- John 15:26-27 – The Holy Spirit will bear witness of me.
- John 16:4-15 – Jesus shares more insights to the Holy Spirit's Ministry
- John 17:17-20 – Jesus Prays for Present and Future Disciples
- John 20:19-22 – Jesus Breathes Upon the Disciples to Receive the Holy Spirit (New Birth into God's Kingdom)
 - Genesis 2:7 – God Breathed into newly created Man In the Beginning and Man became a living Soul (Birth Into God's Kingdom)
- Acts 1:4-5,8 – Jesus Reminds the Disciples of the Purpose for which He has been preparing them for all along
 - Live and Demonstrate the Kingdom, but you're going to need Power to Complete your Assignment

THE WORKOUT

- **Jesus Propels The Disciples Into The Work of the Ministry Through the Holy Spirit's Ability**
 - Acts 2:1-13
 - John declared that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and Fire.
 - A sound from Heaven filled the room
 - The disciples spoke and the Holy Spirit gave them the languages



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- The miracle of the languages (Tongues) caught the peoples' attention; However the message of the tongues (declaring the wonderful works of God) drew them to inquire.
- The Accuser was present among the bunch attempting to discredit what the Father was doing – They're all Drunk.
- Acts 2:14-22, 37-41
 - Day of Pentecost occurred 50 days after Shavout, the Passover Celebration which Jewish community celebrates annually
 - Restored Peter is the first to Speak, Preaching Jesus, the entry way (door) to the Kingdom
 - This is the fulfillment of prophecy
 - John and Jesus' message of Repentance is continued
 - The Holy Spirit convicts hearts of sin and judgement
- Acts 2:42-47 - The Acts of the Holy Spirit are recorded
 - The numbers of Believers are increasing in order to gain influence in the culture
 - When Jesus is lifted and exalted, He draws people to Himself by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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THE COOLDOWN

- Have you experienced the Baptism of the Holy Spirit who empowers you to be an effective witness of Jesus and the Kingdom?
- Are you experiencing the miraculous power of God in your life?
- HE wants to Baptize you and fill you with the Holy Spirit.
- Are you ready to BE an Influencer by allowing Him to BE in and through you?