

# Power to Serve

*Apg. 1:5–9; 2:1–4*

What is the background to this happening?

- I. **They had been taught by Jesus for three years**
  - a) How Jesus would have done it had become a second nature for them.
  - b) They had had internships. Seconded two by two. Seen Jesus' name authority.
  - c) Yet they seemed so awkward and uncertain now.

## II. They had gained a supernatural insight into who Jesus was

- a) Jesus was not just any Rabbi. There were many in those days.
- b) Peter: " You are the son of the living God".  
Jesus:" The father has revealed this to you"  
*Matt. 16:15-17*
- c) To whom would we go?  
Joh. 6:68
- d) Yet they were so unsure now what should be done.

**III. They had been given a mission. They understood the plan. *Mark 16:15-18***

- a) The goal: The whole world.
- b) The Mission: Making Disciples Through Baptism and Teaching
- c) How would it be done? By mighty works.
- d) Yet they seemed so powerless.

Don't worry. God has a plan. Because it shall depend on God's grace. Not human strength.

**IV. They would wait for the Comforter.**

- a) They had questions about the establishment of Israel as a kingdom.
- b) They had a hard time waiting. Peter had gone fishing between Easter and Pentecost. They made a by-election during the week they waited.
- c) By waiting together and in persistent prayer, they received what Jesus promised: power to serve.

How to await the Spirit of God?

I don't think there was a lack of ideas among some of the disciples.

To let go of the oars and let the wind fill the sails.

To walk in predetermined deeds.

*(Ephesians 2:10)*

Like stumbling upon the tasks. When the missions are put at your feet. God gives you directions.

Waiting in Jerusalem. Starting point.

Where is it located for you?

To pray in your heart. Be before God.

Listen.

To be filled with the Spirit. They sat.

Rested in God.

The Spirit of God distributed itself like flares of fire on each one. Personal equipment.

They reached all over the entire

Roman Empire in a relative short

time. There is no sociological answer to this. It's the word of the holy Spirit.

Its for you. Have you prayed for it?  
Shall we lay hands on you as they did in the early church?

What is Pentecost? It means 50. It is 50 days after easter. It is the same day that God gave the law to Israel on mount Sinai. It's noteworthy that when God gave the law – 3000 persons died due to transgression and sin. But on the arriving of The Holy Spirit 3000 thousand where saved. God wrote the law in mans heart on that day. The law on stone tablets couldn't save us.