

# ***DIFFERENCE MAKERS***

## A TIME TO BUILD

### **“A CHOSEN GENERATION”**

Acts 2:1-21 - January 25th, 2015

Message 3 of 8 in “Difference Makers: Time to Build”

#### **Day of Pentecost**

- “Pentecost” – A word meaning “fiftieth”. A name given to the first day of the O.T. Feast of Weeks/Harvest.
- This day kicked off a major Jewish feast week 50 days after the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread began the Sunday after Passover.
- Jesus rose from the dead the Sunday after Passover.
- The day of Pentecost in Acts 2 was exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the grave.
- The day of Pentecost looked back 50 days, celebrating the beginning of what God had provided, and looked forward to the entire fulfillment of God’s blessing.

What was established as a picture of God’s blessing on a physical harvest had turned into the reality of God’s blessing of a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> harvest.

**“All together in one place”** – It took an entire spiritual \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> to launch God’s church, and every person in that church body was critically important to the vision!

#### **JCI 2015 Spiritual Growth Track:**

- **Learning:** The Year of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>.
- **Purpose:** Understanding Jesus’ church helps us understand our place and our \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> within Jesus’ Church.
- **Plan:** We believe it’s time for JCI to build a building!
  - Every step of our mission is to build a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>.

The book of Acts can give us information and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> on how to build a strong church!

The book of Acts can give us spiritual motivation, and help us produce spiritual \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> in our church and community!

The book of Acts isn’t just the story of one church plant, it’s the story of more than a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup>!

#### **A Chosen Generation:**

**v. 17-21** – We see an incredible \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> of God’s church, given 800 years earlier by the prophet Joel.

A Description of God’s Church

God will move, through His Spirit in the lives of his people [of all ages], to impact a generation, that people might see God, hear about God, feel God, call on God, and be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10!</sup>

TRUTH: \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> are now the chosen generation to become this church to God’s world in the last days.

Key Components of God’s Church:

- 1. People should \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> about how God is moving in a church.  
  
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- 2. People should \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup> how God is moving in a church.
- 3. People should \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup> that something is happening in the lives of the people involved in God’s church.
- 4. The church should speak a language that people \_\_\_\_\_<sup>15</sup> to hear.

The crowd that needed God’s church was \_\_\_\_\_<sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>17</sup> by the language that the church was using.

v. 9-11 – \_\_\_\_\_<sup>18</sup> specific languages are mentioned that God’s church used to get the attention of the people that needed to hear it.

TRUTH: If we \_\_\_\_\_<sup>19</sup> about our community and our city, we must discover what language they will listen to.

sanctuary – “a place where someone or something is protected or given shelter”.

The Legacy of a Building for JCI

- 1. We are the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>20</sup> generation at this time for our community!
- 2. We do this so people will get \_\_\_\_\_<sup>21!</sup>
- 3. We don’t ‘have to’ do this, we ‘\_\_\_\_\_<sup>22</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>23</sup>’ do this for our community!

Answers: <sup>1</sup>spiritual, <sup>2</sup>family, <sup>3</sup>church, <sup>4</sup>purpose, <sup>5</sup>church, <sup>6</sup>inspiration, <sup>7</sup>momentum, <sup>8</sup>dozen, <sup>9</sup>description, <sup>10</sup>saved, <sup>11</sup>We, <sup>12</sup>hear, <sup>13</sup>see, <sup>14</sup>recognize, <sup>15</sup>need, <sup>16</sup>pulled, <sup>17</sup>in, <sup>18</sup>15, <sup>19</sup>care, <sup>20</sup>chosen, <sup>21</sup>saved, <sup>22</sup>get, <sup>23</sup>to

