



# IGNITE

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“Growth”

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This May we have been celebrating the **birth of the Church** on the Day of Pentecost.

We have considered the role of the **Holy Spirit, prayer, conversion, and baptism.**

What was the **ultimate** result? An **explosion!**

Acts 2:37-47

*When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”*

*Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

*With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

*They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

- ◆ An explosion in **radical obedience**.
  - ◇ We are called to be obedient to the **timeless Word of God**.
- ◆ An explosion in **spiritual depth**.
  - ◇ We are called to be **disciplined** and to **disciple others**.
- ◆ An explosion in **local** and **global reach**.
  - ◇ We are called to **go and get**.

Next week, we turn to the **Sermon on the Mount**.

Matthew 5:13-16

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

*“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

A perfect segue: be **salt** and be **light**.