

SECTION FOUR Prayer

Week 7: Pentecost

The disciples are equipped with spiritual power for their work.

Bible Passage: Acts 2.1-21 John 7.37-39

Are we receiving all that God wants to give to us?

Week 8: Powerful Worship

A glimpse into the spirit filled worship of the church

Bible Passage: Acts 4.23-31 Luke 10.21-24

What is 'Spirit filled worship' – what is the key to allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire our worship?

SECTION FIVE Prophetic Challenge

Week 9: Coping with Opposition

Peter & John are arrested, & stand firm in the power of the Spirit

Bible Passage: Acts 4.1-22 Matthew 10.17-20

In which situations does God require us to stand up and be counted?

Week 10: Persecution

Stephen is executed – and the church is scattered.

Bible Passage: Acts 7.48-8.3 John 15.18-25

Are we able to see how God uses the challenging times that we endure?



Spirit Filled Church

*Looking at the growth
of the Early Church in Acts*

**How a 'Jesus Shaped People'
rescued by a 'Cross Shaped Jesus'
became a 'Spirit Filled Church'**

Welcome to Spirit Filled Church

Through this 10-week programme we will see how the early Church lived out Jesus' command to 'Follow Me'.

'Spirit Filled Church' is a part of the 'Jesus Shaped People' Church Development Programme. The initial 15 week Jesus Shaped People' course should be used first as it shows how the first disciples were trained by Jesus and prepared for their future work. A further six-week course, 'Cross Shaped Jesus', shows how the crucifixion demonstrates God's power over sin, and enables us to become the people God has called us to be.

'Spirit Filled Church' is based in the first half of the Acts of the Apostles. It looks at how the first followers of Jesus established the early church, and how they deliberately adopted Jesus' priorities. It shows how the disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit, encourages us to claim these same resources, and discover that Jesus is with us today

'Spirit Filled Church' is presented in Sunday worship, in housegroups, with children, and in other church programmes. We warmly invite all church members to engage fully in it.

SECTION ONE People

Week 1: Healing in the Temple

God's priorities and his love for people are demonstrated.

Bible Passage: Acts 3.1-16 **Matthew 12.15-28**

How can we ensure that we have spiritual riches to offer?

Week 2: Occult Threat

Handling spiritual threats, and those who have a different agenda

Bible Passages: Acts 8.9-25 **Luke 4.1-12**

Is the occult a threat today and how do we help those caught up in it?

SECTION TWO Teaching

Week 3: Guidance in the Spirit

God at work at 'both ends' leads to a remarkable spiritual result.

Bible Passage: Acts 8.26-40 **Luke 2.25-32**

Are we available for God to use us – are we trusting for him to be at work already in the people we meet?

Week 4: Healing Prejudice

How the Holy Spirit works at both ends to heal prejudice.

Bible Passage: Acts 11.1-18 **John 4.19-24**

What are the prejudices that God wants to challenge in his people today?

SECTION THREE Team Building

Week 5: Common Life

Life in the Spirit leads the disciples to find a new way of living

Bible Passage: Acts 4.32-35 **Luke 12.29-34**

How much does God expect of us today as we seek to live out our common life in Christ?

Week 6: The Ministry Team

The Spirit guides and calls others into sharing in ministry

Bible Passage: Acts 6.1-7 **Luke 10.1-11**

How can we ensure that we are developing 'every member ministry'?