

The Church Needs Power

Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost 2009

INTRODUCTION: *101 churches in the Richmond area...So What?*

I. THE CHURCH NEEDS POWER

- A. We don't need new music, pews or buildings as much as we need power
- B. We have Pastors, programs, & potlucks, but we need power
- C. There are deep spiritual needs all around us that can only be addressed with the power of God

II. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THE CHURCH NEEDS POWER

- A. A need for power in the Church at Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-4)
- B. God brought His power at Pentecost & the "*world was turned upside down*" (Acts 17:6)
- C. The Holy Spirit of God came in a powerful way (Acts 2:5-12)
- D. On this Pentecost Day I invite you to join me in asking God to do the same for us

III. WE NEED GOD'S POWER & OUR HEARTS SET ON FIRE

- A. Dear God, let what happened to Peter happen to us
- B. People outside the Church are hungry for God's truth & God's love
- C. **Imagine: If you & I had a cure for cancer, would we not give it away to the world??**
- D. Jesus is the cure for sin, hell & eternal death & He is the gift we have to give to the world

Conclusion: **Imagine:** *The 395 members of this congregation filled with the power of Pentecost...*