

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 20 – The Beginning of the Church

Reading:

Acts 1:12 – 7:60

A. Briefly summarize the events from the reading above. Do you have any questions about the reading you would like us to discuss?

B. Was the Apostles' role intended to be permanent (like Mormonism) or temporary? Why (hint: Acts 1 qualifications, 1 Cor. 15:1-9)?

C. What was "Pentecost"? Why would this have been a good opportunity to preach the first gospel message?

D. What miraculous events happened on Pentecost? What purposes did they serve?

E. What does "speaking in tongues" mean? What problems would they present later (1 Cor. 12-14) and what did Paul teach, including their relative importance & permanence?

F. Summarize Peter's first "Gospel Sermon" and the results.

G. What is "the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38)?

H. Summarize Peter's second "Gospel Sermon" and the results.

I. Summarize Stephen's "Gospel Sermon" and the results.

J. What physical challenges did the early church have and what did they do as a result (Acts 4:32-5:16; Acts 6:1-6)?

K. What spiritual challenges did the early church have and what did they do as a result (Acts 3:1-4:31; 5:17-42; 6:8-7:60)?