

Radical Hospitality

Lesson 3



Spirit-filled and Open-handed



Focus Text

38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” **40** And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” **41** Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. **42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. **43** Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. **44** Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, **45** and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. **46** So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. **Acts 2:38–47.**



Target Objective

In lesson 3, we will discover how the baptism of the Holy Spirit produced radical generosity and mutual care in the early church. We will learn to carry one another’s burdens as a practical expression of God’s love and a reflection of the early church’s example.



Lesson 3 Growth Work

Group Discussion:

Have you ever experienced a deep love and concern for others after a deep spiritual experience with the Lord? Share that experience and consider how what you felt was a manifestation of the same response the early church had.

Look over the four keys mentioned: the Master Key, the People Key, the Spirit Key, the Risk Key.

- Which key is most lacking in your daily life?
- How can you work to insert that key so that you are ready to be a vessel God can use to perform the miraculous?

Personal Practice:

- **Needs Assessment.** Make a small list of practical needs within your community or church (e.g., meals for a family, help with transportation, or financial support). Keep the list small so as not to overwhelm you as you are beginning this practice. Pray over that list every day.
 - Pray that God would reveal how you could help meet that need.
 - Pray that God would connect you with the right people to help.
 - If you feel cautious, seek counsel from your pastor or a spiritual mentor.
- **Practice Generosity.** Identify an item or resource you've been holding onto and prayerfully give it to someone who could benefit from it or sell it and give the proceeds to someone or a specific cause.
- **Spiritual Needs.** Read Galatians 6:1–3. If God doesn't immediately bring someone to mind who is struggling spiritually, pray that He would reveal someone to you. In the next week:
 - Commit to praying for them daily.
 - Make sure they feel your support by calling, texting, or spending time with them.
 - Pray that God would keep your spirit humble and your faith strong while ministering.