

# Lesson Titles: Celebrating in Unity

(Faith Pathway)

#### **Believers Praise God**

(Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

## LESSON 4 – September 26, 2021

### Fall 2021 Theme: Celebrating God

Unit I. God's People Offer Praise

**Devotional Reading:** Psalm 134

Background Scripture: Acts 2:32-33, 37-47

**Print Passage:** 2:32-33, 37-47

#### **Key Verse(s):**

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (Acts 2:42, KJV)

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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42, NIV)

#### **Questions to Consider:**

- 1. What was Peter's message to the crowd on the Day of
- 2. What was the promise the people received when they repented and were baptized?
- 3. What was so significant about the early church?

#### **Lesson Aims**

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Understand Jesus' forgiveness of sins and the role of the Holy Spirit in your lives and in the life of the church.
- Discern how the love of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit inspire believers of different backgrounds to share a life of worship, care, and witness.
- Plan opportunities for persons to encounter the Holy Spirit and begin a relationship with Jesus Christ through the ministries of your church.

#### **Lesson in Context:**

In the lesson today, Peter was the chief spokesman for the apostles on the Day of Pentecost, delivering the first Christian sermon ever preached.

#### **LESSON OUTLINES/KEY POINTS:**

I. The \_\_\_\_\_(Acts 2:32-33, 37-38)

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| II.    | The _             | (Acts 2:39-42)   |
|        |                   | Key Point 1: God's Spirit is now available to anyone who believes God.   |
|        | •                 | Key Point 2: Peter pleaded with his listeners to accept the gospel message.  |
| III.   | The_              | (Acts 2:43-47)   |
|        | •                 | Key Point 1: The early Christians came together to share their possessions so that everyone's needs were met.  |
|        | •                 | Key Point 2: The early Christian church grew.  |
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|        | on Sum<br>Won     | mary: Iderful things happen when Christians come together in Christian and   |
|        |                   | stian love and fellowship manifested itself in the early church.   |
|        |                   | ngregation that follows the example and pattern of the early church has the potential to be  |
|        |                   | ry powerful spiritual force for social and spiritual change.   |
| . 1    | 1. Is it p        | tions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)  cossible to come to Jesus without repentance—that is, if one's heart is not pricked of sin? |
| 1      | anot              | re seek to commune with the Holy Spirit, in what ways can we truly fellowship with one her?  |
| 2.     | 2. Are t          | the Christian practices noted in today's lessons practical and useful today? Why or why not?   |
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| a resu | It of thi         | s lesson, I/my students will do the following:   |
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• Key Point 1: Peter declared the central truth of the Christian Gospel—that Jesus was raised

• Key Point 2: Peter appeals to the crowd to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus

from the dead.