

# Acts 1:8 Conference

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## WELCOME!

Dear Delegate,

Welcome to the ACTS 1:8 CONFERENCE. We are glad you are here!

We are gathered in this conference for one purpose: to seek God for a powerful outpouring of His Spirit that will launch the church in the greatest evangelistic and missionary outreach in its history. During our time together our attention will be focused again and again on Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

It is our prayer that this conference will ignite a fire in your heart, and that you will return to your home to help launch a new Pentecostal outpouring in your church and in your area.

You can make this conference most profitable if you will do three things:

- You will participate fully in the prayer, teaching, and strategy sessions.
- You will open your heart to God and allow the Holy Spirit to fill and empower you anew during the concluding Holy Spirit Rally each day.
- You will return home full of the Spirit and determined work to impart what you have received here to your church there.

Together, let's call upon the Spirit of God to once again come upon us and empower us to reach the nations with the gospel.

Sincerely,  
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Acts in Africa Initiative  
Director

# ACTS 1:8 CONFERENCE

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#### Supplemental

1. Africa Map
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# Typical Acts 1:8 Conference

## — CONFERENCE SCHEDULE —

### Conference Dates

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
		<b>Breakfast</b>					
6:30-7:15 (45 min)		Opening Session 1	Opening Session 2	Opening Session 3	Opening Session 4		
7:15-7:30 (15 min)							
7:30-8:30 (1hr)		<i>Prayer Session 1:</i> <i>Prayer for the Spirit:</i> <b>"Empower Us Today"</b> <i>Prayer for the Nations:</i> <b>"The Least-Reached"</b>	<i>Prayer Session 2:</i> <i>Prayer for the Spirit:</i> <b>"Empower Our Churches"</b> <i>Prayer for the Nations:</i> <b>"The Unreached of Africa"</b>	<i>Prayer Session 3:</i> <i>Prayer for the Spirit:</i> <b>"Empower Our Leaders"</b> <i>Prayer for the Nations:</i> <b>"The World of Islam"</b>	<i>Prayer Session 4:</i> <i>Prayer for the Spirit:</i> <b>"Empower Our Bible School(s)"</b> <i>Prayer for the Nations:</i> <b>"Oh, Lord, Send Us!"</b>		
8:30-9:30 (1 hr)		<i>Teaching Session 1:</i> <b>"The Holy Spirit and the Mission of God"</b>	<i>Teaching Session 4:</i> <b>"The Pentecostal Bible School"</b>	<i>Teaching Session 7:</i> <b>"Planting the Spirit-Empowered Missionary Church"</b>	<i>Teaching Session 10:</i> <b>"Pentecost and the Next Generation"</b>		
9:30-10:00 (30 min)		<b>Break</b>					
10:00-11:00 (1 hr)		<i>Teaching Session 2:</i> <b>"Spirit Baptism Revisited"</b>	<i>Teaching Session 5:</i> <b>"How to Preach on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit"</b>	<i>Teaching Session 8:</i> <b>"Leading a Church Into Pentecostal Revival"</b>	<i>Teaching Session 11:</i> <b>"Women and Pentecostal Revival"</b>	<i>Holy Spirit Ministry in Local Churches</i>	
11:00-12:00 (1 hr)		<i>Teaching Session 3:</i> <b>"What it Means to Be Pentecostal"</b>	<i>Teaching Session 6:</i> <b>"Leading Believers into the Baptism in the Holy Spirit"</b>	<i>Teaching Session 9:</i> <b>"Planning and Conducting a Local Acts 1:8 Conference"</b>	<i>Teaching Session 12:</i> <b>"Effectively Engaging with the Decade of Pentecost"</b>		
12:10-1:00 (1 hr)		<i>Strategy Session 1:</i> <b>"Assessment: Where Are We Now?"</b>	<i>Strategy Session 2:</i> <b>"Goals: Where Does God Want Us To Be?"</b>	<i>Strategy Session 3:</i> <b>"Strategy: 'How Do We Get There from Here?'"</b>	<i>Strategy Session 4:</i> <b>Commitment Development: What Commitments Must We Make?"</b>		
1:00-2:00 (1 hr)		<b>Lunch</b>					
2:00-5:30 (3 ½ hrs)	Welcome and Orientation 4:30-5:30 pm	Free Time					
5:30-7:00 (1½ hrs)		<b>Supper</b>					
7:00-8:30 (1½ hrs)	Director's Keynote Rally	Holy Spirit Rally	Holy Spirit Rally	Holy Spirit Rally	Decade of Pentecost Commitment Rally		



## TEACHING SESSIONS

Teaching Session 1:  
**THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE MISSION OF GOD**

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Outline  
**The Holy Spirit and the Mission of God**

1. Five Developments in the Relationship of the Holy Spirit and God's Mission
  - a. The Spirit and God's Mission in Creation
  - b. The Spirit and God's Mission in Abraham
  - c. The Spirit and God's Mission in Israel
  - d. The Spirit and God's Mission in Jesus
  - e. The Spirit and God's Mission in the Church
  
2. Conclusions This Progression Leads Us To
  - a. God is a Missionary God with a Missionary Heart
  - b. The Holy Spirit is a Missionary Spirit
  - c. Pentecostals are Missionary People

Teaching Session 2:  
**SPIRIT BAPTISM REVISITED**

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Outline  
**Spirit Baptism Revisited**

1. The Purpose of Spirit Baptism
2. A Problem: Spirit Baptism Neglected
3. A Plea to Emphasize Spirit Baptism
4. A Plan to Help Us Refocus on Spirit Baptism

Teaching Session 3:  
**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PENTECOSTAL**

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Outline  
**What it Means to Be Pentecostal**

*To be truly Pentecostal means that*

1. We Proclaim the Same Message (*as did the church in the Book of Acts*)
2. We Share the Same Mission (*as did the church in the Book of Acts*)
3. We Embrace the Same Experiences (*as did the church in the Book of Acts*)
4. We Follow the Same Methods (*as did the church in the Book of Acts*)

Teaching Session 4:  
**THE PENTECOSTAL BIBLE SCHOOL**

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Outline  
**The Pentecostal Bible School**

1. The Mission of a Pentecostal Bible School
2. The Ethos of a Pentecostal Bible School
3. The Curriculum of a Pentecostal Bible School
5. The Spiritual Life of a Pentecostal Bible School

Teaching Session 5:  
**HOW TO PREACH ON THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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Outline

**How to Preach on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

1. The Importance of Preaching on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
2. How to Preach Effectively on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
  - a. Must become a priority
  - b. Characteristics of an effective sermon
  - c. Three goals while preaching
3. The Altar Call

Teaching Session 6:  
**LEADING BELIEVERS INTO THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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Outline

**Leading Believers into the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

1. Preliminary Considerations
  - a. Who can be filled
  - b. Who can pray with others to be filled
  - c. The context of receiving
  
2. The Procedure: How to Pray with Someone to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit
  - a. The interview
  - b. Prayer engagement
  - c. Post-prayer guidance
  
3. Other Important Considerations
  - a. Know what the Bible says
  - b. Beware of spiritual laziness
  - c. Watch your intensity level

Teaching Session 7:  
**PLANTING A SPIRIT-EMPOWERED MISSIONARY CHURCH**

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Outline

**Planting the Spirit-Empowered Missionary Church**

1. The Acts Model: Spirit-empowered Missionary Churches
2. The Importance of Intentionality in Planting Spirit-empowered Missionary Churches
3. A Strategy for Planting Spirit-empowered Missionary Churches

Teaching Session 8:  
**LEADING A CHURCH INTO PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL**

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Outline

**Leading a Local Church into Pentecostal Revival**

1. What Is Revival?
2. Example of Revival in Acts 2
3. The Continuing Need for Revival
4. The Role of the Leader in Revival
5. Practical Advice to Encourage Revival

Teaching Session 9:  
**PLANNING AND CONDUCTING A LOCAL ACTS 1:8 CONFERENCE**

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Outline  
**Planning and Conducting a Local Acts 1:8 Conference**

1. You Can Do it Too!
2. The Benefits of a Local Acts 1:8 Conference
3. Creating Your Own Acts 1:8 Conference
  - a. Set a Date
  - b. Create a Plan
  - c. Choose Your Teachers
  - d. Know your Resources
  - e. Prepare Yourself
  - f. Promote the Conference
4. Part of a Larger Strategy

Teaching Session 10:  
**PENTECOST AND THE NEXT GENERATION**

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Outline  
**Pentecost and the Next Generation**

1. The Promise: The Spirit Is for All, Young and Old Alike
2. Our Responsibility: To Pass on Pentecost to the Next Generation
3. A Warning: If the next Generation Does Not Experience Pentecost...
4. A Plan: How We Can Help the next Generation Experience the Power of Pentecost

Teaching Session 11:  
**WOMEN AND PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL**

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Outline  
**Women and Pentecostal Revival**

1. Women Are Important
2. Women Are Needed
3. Women Must Get Involved

Teaching Session 12:  
**ENGAGING THE DECADE OF PENTECOST**

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Outline  
**Engaging the Decade of Pentecost**

1. The Call
2. The Goal and Targeted Outcomes
3. Responding Effectively to the Decade of Pentecost
4. Launching the Decade of Pentecost



## STRATEGY SESSIONS

## STRATEGY SESSION 1

### Assessment

**Purpose of this session:** The purpose of this session is for us to begin thinking about the present condition of our national church in terms of Jesus' mandate in Acts 1:8. We will evaluate the present depth of our national church's emphasis (or non-emphasis) on missions and on Pentecostal experience.

**Plan for this session:** During this session we will divide up into discussion groups. Our evaluations will be based on Jesus' two emphases in Acts 1:8:

- *The empowering of the Spirit:* "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you ..." (See also Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4-5.)
- *The missionary mandate of the Church:* "... and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (See also Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18.)

This assessment will aid us in our discussions which will follow in Sessions 2-4.

### Exercise:

1. Describe the current state of our church in terms of its overall spiritual condition. (Rate the spiritual condition of the church from 1-10):
  - (Spiritually Dead) 1 -- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 --- 6 --- 7 --- 8 --- 9 ---10 (Pentecostal Revival)
  - Be prepared to explain why you gave the church the score you did.
2. Describe the current state of the church in terms of how well it is fulfilling its missionary mandate. (Rate the state of the church from 1-10):
  - (Floundering) 1 -- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 --- 6 --- 7 --- 8 --- 9 --- 10 (Fully Engaged)
  - Be prepared to explain why you gave the AG in Africa the score you did.
3. What indicators show a need for (or signs of) Pentecostal revival?
  - in the pastors?
  - in the laity?
  - in the Bible School(s)?
  - in the youth?
  - other?

### Report for this session:

- Each group should prepare a brief report to be presented at the beginning of Session 2.

## STRATEGY SESSION 2

### Goals

**Purpose of this session:** In this session we will begin the process of setting goals for our national church. We will discuss where we believe our church should be in 1-5 years from now in the areas of Pentecostal experience and missions involvement.

**Plan for this session:** During this session we will again divide up into our discussion groups. In these groups we will focus on the future. As mentioned above, we will discuss where we believe our church should be in the next 1-5 years (you choose) in terms of its Pentecostal experience and in its missions involvement.

### Reports from Session 1:

#### Exercises:

- Presentation of reports
- Characterize your intended response:
  - *As to Priority:*             Low Priority     High Priority     Highest Priority
  - *As to Commitment:*     Passive             Mediocre         Aggressive
  - *As to Depth:*             Cursory             Deep               Comprehensive
- Describe your goals for the next \_\_\_ years in general terms.
- Describe your goals in more specific terms as they relate to each part of your church?

### Report for this session:

- Prepare a report to be presented at the beginning of Strategy Session 3

## STRATEGY SESSION 3

### Strategy

**Purpose of this session:** In this session we will begin to develop a suggested strategy (or plan) for achieving our goals enumerated in Session 2.

**Plan for this session:** Each discussion group will discuss what specific action steps the church needs to take to ensure that we reach our goals that we laid out in the last session.

#### Reports from Session 2:

**Exercise:** As you develop these plans you may want to discuss the following:

- What definite actions will we take to fulfill our goals?
- Who will oversee/lead the effort?
- What specific people or groups will we target?
- What forums will we use to fulfill our goals?
- At what times (or dates) will we schedule these efforts?
- What means will we use to achieve our goals?
- What media will we use to achieve our goals?

#### Report for this session:

- Prepare a brief report of your discussions to be presented at the beginning of Session 4.

## STRATEGY SESSIONS

### Session 4:

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND “DECADE OF PENTECOST DECLARATION” DEVELOPMENT**

**Purpose of this session:** In this session we will be twofold:

- to finalize our strategy for bringing Pentecostal revival and missions renewal to our church
- to develop an “Acts 1:8 Declaration” that expresses the church’s commitment to pursue these noble ends.

**Plan for this session:** You will divide up into your discussion groups. Follow the instructions given by the session moderator.

**Reports from Session 3:**

**Exercises:**

- Group discussion of combined strategy
- Development of “Acts 1:8 Declaration”



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 Casablanca  
 Rabat

Tunis

Tunisia

Algeria

Libya

Alexandria

Cairo

Nile River

Egypt

Red Sea

Arabian Peninsula

Laayoune  
 Western Sahara

Sahara Desert

Mali

Libya

Senegal

Dakar

Banjul

Bissau

Guinea-Bissau

Conakry

Sierra Leone

Monrovia

Liberia

Yamoussoukro

Mali

Niger

Gambia

Nouakchott

Bamako

Guinea

Ivory Coast

Lome

Togo

Accra

Malabo

Principe

Sao Tome

Sao Tome

Equatorial Guinea

Cabinda

Brazzaville

Angola

Namibia

Windhoek

Botswana

Pretoria

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Cape Town

Port Elizabeth

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