

LESSON 2

ACTS 2

1. What was your favorite truth, verse or insight from our study of **Acts 1?** How did it encourage you this week?

2. Prayerfully read **Acts 2**, when the **Holy Spirit** promised in **Acts 1:5-8** is poured out. Note some of the drama, symbols, and emotions contained in this passage and what most intrigues you.

3. Describe what happened on the day of Pentecost from **V1-4** and how the **Holy Spirit** was at work.

4. a) From **V5-13**, who was in the crowd, what did they hear, and how did their reactions vary?

b) Although not all agree on the current role of speaking in tongues or other languages, how did **God** use the gift of tongues at that unique time in church history?

5. How did the blessing of what **God** accomplished on Pentecost differ from the curse of **God** at Babel in **Genesis 11:1-9** and what do you think was the significance of each event?

6. In **Acts 2:14-21**, Peter began explaining what was happening by quoting the words of the prophet Joel. What is important from Joel's prophecy?

7. According to Peter in V22-24, how does Jesus of Nazareth uniquely fit into the plan of God?

8. Where do you find hope or conviction in David's words about the Messiah (**V25-28, 34-35**) or in Peter's confidence in the resurrection and exaltation of **Jesus** (**V29-33, 36**)?

9. In **V37-41**, the people were deeply moved after hearing that they were responsible for the death of **Jesus** and asked, "What shall we do?" How did Peter answer their question and what was the impact of Peter's message?

10. Those who believed in **Jesus** began to live differently after Pentecost. What were some of the remarkable aspects of their life together mentioned in **V42-47**, and which of these aspects have been missing from your experience of church community?

11. REFLECT ON THE WORDS OF JESUS

In John 15:4, Jesus said, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." Express gratitude to Jesus for the Holy Spirit and the fruit He produces through us as we remain in Him.

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PRAYER REQUEST