

Small Group Questions
Empowered by Jesus' Mission
Acts 2:1-47

Read Acts 2:1-13

1. What was your takeaway from this week's message on Pentecost and The Holy Spirit?
2. Have you ever traveled where you did not speak the language? How did this make you feel?
3. How impressive is it that thousands of people heard and saw the same thing—the coming of the Holy Spirit? Why do you think it is important that so many witnessed the same miracle?
4. Explain why you think people can be witness to the same event and have two such different responses to what they have just seen.
5. Discuss why you think the Holy Spirit was given in such a public manner. Would the outcome have been the same if only the Apostles had been present?

Read Acts 2:14-21

6. How would your life be different if the Holy Spirit were withdrawn from your life and your Christian community?
7. What prompted Peter to stand up and address the crowd in Acts 2:14?
8. Why do you think people listened instead of just having him arrested or walking away?
9. Read **Hebrews 1:1-2**. According to the author of Hebrews, when did the “last days” begin? Now read Peter's quote of the words of Joel in 2:16- Did Peter believe he lived in the “last days”? Read **Joel 2:19-20**. Do you see anything listed in this passage that hasn't happened yet? When will these events occur?
10. The Greek word for “repent” means to change your mind after understanding the facts. How did Peter's sermon supply enough information for those listening to gain a full understanding? Should our message be any different today? Why or why not?
11. How might you summarize the message of Jesus? What would you share with people if they asked you about Jesus? (Practice)

Read Acts 2:22-47

12. What made the early church so appealing to others?
13. How does this week's passage give guidance to believers?
14. The word “devoted” is used in verse 42 and means “to give your constant attention.” What activities did the early Christians “devote themselves to” in this verse?
15. Why did Luke write down these specific activities? How devoted are you to each of these things?
16. Pray as a group