

LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Spring 2023

Week of January 22nd

Book of Acts

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mens Gathering- 1/23 at 6:30 RSVP online
- Women's Gathering- 2/6 at 6:30 RSVP online
- Equip classes start 1/29

DISCUSSION FOCUS

Read (Primary Text): Acts 1:15-2:21

Supporting Texts: John 14:16, John 16:8, Romans 8:26

MAIN IDEA:

Ordinary people, with God's word and Spirit, can change the world.

OBSERVE

Read Acts 1:15-2:21

What was the Pentecost?

- Pentecost commemorated the giving of the law from God to Moses on Mount Sinai and occurred after Passover. The Jewish people would make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Pentecost. The events of Pentecost that we read about in Acts, mark the birth of the church, involved a number of supernatural phenomena. Including the rush of a violent wind from heaven, tongues like flames of fire, the infilling with the Holy Spirit, and speaking in languages as the Spirit gave believers the ability to do so.

What did the disciples do when they received the Holy Spirit and what was their message to those they were speaking to?

What were the different reactions of those who saw and heard the disciples in 2:12-14?

What was the purpose of God giving the disciples the ability to speak in tongues?

- To proclaim the Gospel to all of the different people groups that were present!

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INTERPRET

Go back and read Acts 1:8. What is the reason that Jesus gives for why the disciples receive the Holy Spirit?

If the primary reason the Holy Spirit is given is so that Jesus' followers can be his witnesses, does that change how you think about the Holy Spirit at all? What are some other roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

What do John 14:16, 16:8, Romans 8:26 say about the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Believer?

APPLY

Is there a place in your life where you think or know the Holy Spirit has been pushing, prompting, convicting, or motivating you to do something? If so, how does it relate to your mission to be Jesus' witness?

Now that we've read this and looked at the mission and the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, how does this change tomorrow? How does this change looking at your mission field tomorrow because God is with you?

This "Let's Go!" vision we have, isn't it great to know that God is with us here in this? They were thinking "Why not Jerusalem?" & we're thinking "why not Tallahassee?"