

ACTS STUDY QUESTIONS, WEEK 1

Monday, Acts 1:1-11

1. Contemplate today the power of the Holy Spirit. When and how have you experienced this power in your Christian life? How is your life different because of the Spirit that Jesus gave to other Christians around you?
2. Verse 8 talks about the power of the Holy Spirit in connection to witnessing of the disciples. Ask God throughout the day to enable you by His Spirit to be Christ's witness.

Tuesday, Acts 1:12-26

1. The apostles felt it was necessary to replace Judas with another disciple, one who was a witness to Christ's resurrection. Every one of them mattered because every one of them had a role in proclaiming the Gospel. Consider how valuable you are to God because you've experienced His work and can testify to that.
2. The providence of God worked through an odd instrument, dice or lot, as God's choice was made known. Can you think of examples from your own life when God's made His will known to you through unusual means or unexpected people?

Wednesday, Acts 2:1-13

1. The Holy Spirit gives many gifts to Christian believers. All the gifts of the Spirit are given to help the church fulfill its purposes. Several different lists of gifts are given in Rom 12:8, 1 Cor 12:1-11, 27-31, and Eph 4:11-12, 1 Pt 4:9-11. Which are the gifts God has given to you and how are you using them to fulfill God's purposes?
2. Simple Galileans were heard speaking native languages of all the peoples who found themselves in Jerusalem that day, from both near and distant lands. How typical is the reaction of some who decided that this wondrous display was simply the consequence of too much drinking? Have you ever had a similar experience when your own zeal for God or your gifts were misinterpreted?

Thursday, Acts 2:14-41

1. In his sermon Peter references a passage from the prophet Joel, 2:28-32. What does that passage tell us about the manner in which God gives His gifts?
2. This is Peter's first sermon ever. How does he do? What about Peter's sermon strikes you the most? Peter presented a short but effective Gospel message here. When you share Christ with others, in what ways are your words similar or different from those that Peter used?

3. Peter is said to have “warned them, and pleaded with them” to save themselves and believe. There is a great urgency about his message. Are we capturing that sense of urgency in our Christian witness today? Have you ever warned and pleaded with others to accept Christ?

Friday, Acts 2:42-3:10

1. What were the things that characterized the life of the first church? What do you think about their practice of sharing property? How can we model the same spirit of community and mutual assistance today?
2. The story about the lame beggar reveals that the disciples have now been given a gift of healing too. How does that gift help them proclaim Christ? Consider in what ways is the beggar’s life changed by this encounter.