

“Empowered” - Acts 2:5-16, 36-38

Ask - “Do you know any foreign languages? If so, which one(s)?”

Background - The disciples waited in Jerusalem and prayed for 10 days, just as they had been instructed. On the Day of Pentecost, as Jesus had promised, the Holy Spirit fell upon them and they began speaking in other tongues (languages) as so moved.

“Speaking In Tongues” - Acts 2:5-13

(v5-6) Who were living in Jerusalem? Where were they from? What did they hear? Why were they amazed?

(v7-11) Based on these verses, were the disciples speaking in gibberish tongues or were they speaking foreign native languages known to those in the crowd? What were some of the languages they spoke?

(v12-13) What was the mixed reaction of those who heard the disciples speaking that day? How might you have reacted?

THE DISCIPLES WERE SUPERNATURALLY EMPOWERED TO COMMUNICATE IN THE FOREIGN, NATIVE LANGUAGES OF THOSE PRESENT ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST.

“Preaching In Power” - Acts 2:14-16

(v14) Which of the apostles took the lead and began to preach to the crowd? How did he get their attention?

(v15) How did he answer those who claimed they were drunk? What was his reasoning for dismissing their claim? What time is the 3rd hour of the day? (9am)

(v16) What prophet did Peter cite in his remarks? Compare verses 17-21 with Joel 2:28-32. If time allows, read Peter’s sermon in verses 22-35.

PETER WAS EMPOWERED TO DELIVER AND PASSIONATE, COMPELLING, HOLY-SPIRIT FILLED SERMON TO THE CROWD.

“Responding In Conviction” - Acts 2:36-38

(v36) Who did Peter conclude that Jesus was? How sure was he this? Who was this message directed toward?

(v37) What was the reaction of the Jewish listeners? What did they want to know from the disciples?

(v38) What did Peter say that they needed to do in order to rectify their sin? What did he promise would happen if they complied?

WHEN THE PEOPLE HEARD PETER'S MESSAGE, THEY FELL UNDER CONVICTION. HE EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE SALVATION.

Application - The coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost marked the beginning of the New Testament Church. It was the birth of Christianity. And, it began with a convicting gospel message calling sinners to repentance. The Holy Spirit empowers the church to do the work of the gospel. Apart from the Spirit, the church is unable to effectively do the monumental work she has been called to do. How has the Holy Spirit empowered you personally in your life?