

The Heart of the Matter

13. What do you need to do to be prepared to be used by God in a mighty way like these disciples were?

14. Have you ever experienced an empowering from God to witness about Jesus Christ?

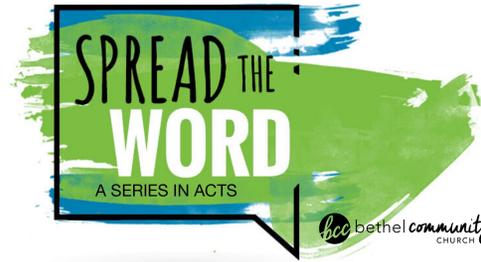
15. Would you have responded more like those in verse 12 or those in verse 13?

16. Where do you see God at work right now in your life? What is He showing you? What does He want you to do for His Kingdom?

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Life Group Study Guide

A Mighty Rushing Wind Acts 2:1-13 For the Week of October 14, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Have you ever traveled where you did not speak the language? What happened?

3. What are some of the most amazing things that you have ever seen God do in your life?

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Digging Deeper

4. Pentecost is a Jewish harvest festival celebrating the 50th day after the celebration of Passover. (Deuteronomy 16:9-10) Why did God wait until Pentecost to give the Holy Spirit? What is so significant about the timing of this event?

5. In Acts 2:1-13 the New Testament believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. What is so significant about this special event for the lives of these believers?

6. What was the initial reaction of the crowds who heard the noise of the mighty rushing wind? In this passage, what Old Testament event is seemingly being overturned by this event? (Genesis 11:1-9)

7. How had the Holy Spirit been active in history prior to this event at Pentecost? What Biblical examples can you recall? (Genesis 1:2; 41:38; Exodus 31:3; Numbers 24:2; 1 Samuel 10:10; Isaiah 61:1; Ezekiel 8:3; Matthew 3:16)

8. Why do you think God used the similes of wind and fire to describe the outpouring of His Spirit?

9. According to verses 9 through 11, how far have these pilgrims come to be in Jerusalem? What attracts all these people to the disciples?

10. Why is it clear from this passage that when the disciples began speaking in tongues that they were clearly speaking other known languages? V8-11

11. What was the main message and purpose of what the disciples were speaking about to all the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem at that time as they spoke in these various languages?

12. In verses 12 and 13 how did people respond to what happened? How are people responding today to the active work of the Holy Spirit in the church?