



THRIVE

January 25-26

Acts 2:1-13

INTRODUCTION: Share with the group a time in your life where you were eagerly awaiting something, either as a child or adult. How did you feel in that time of waiting? Were expectations exceeded or were you disappointed when it finally arrived?

HEAD: What is the passage saying?

1. The first four verses describe details of people (it could have been 120 people in one place - see 1:15) waiting for the Holy Spirit. Why was it essential that they were all in one place? What descriptions are used for the Spirit's arrival?
2. In verse 3 we see that the Spirit "rested on each one of them". Why is it significant that each disciple had individual attention from the Spirit?
3. Verses 4-11 describe the first sign of the Spirit is revealed through these disciples. What do the crowds hear? What where the disciples saying (vs 11)? Why is this miracle significant?
4. Consider the multi-national makeup of the crowd of witnesses. Was this miracle of the Spirit contained to Jerusalem? How did these witnesses advance God's Kingdom?

HANDS: How do I practically live this out?

1. Verses 9-11 include a list of languages that were spoken from many regions of the known ancient world. Looking back at Jesus' commission in Acts 1:8, how is the Spirit already accomplishing this task? Pray for people groups in our world today who need to hear the voice of God in their own "tongue".
2. From verses 11 through 13, what different ways did people respond to what they had just seen and heard? How does the presence of the Holy Spirit guide you in facing adversity about faith in Jesus?

HEART: How does this influence my inner being?

1. Is your walk with God experiencing this same fullness of the Spirit? In what ways would you like it to change?
2. How can your small group help you experience the fullness of the Spirit? Share your desires for growth and pray for each other in this area.



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January 18/19

Acts 1:12-26

INTRODUCTION

When it is time to decide between two good things, how do you decide?

HEAD: What is the passage saying?

1. From verses 12-14, why was it essential for the apostles to return to Jerusalem? What were they doing while they were waiting for the Holy Spirit?
2. From verses 15-26, what do we learn about what happened to Judas? What were the qualifications and the process of selecting another Apostle?
3. From other places in the book of Acts (6:3-6, 14:23, and 15:22), a different selection process is used after the coming of the Holy Spirit. Since then, we also have the benefit of the whole of God's written Word. How should we think about making important decisions?

HANDS: How do I practically live this out?

1. Verse 14 tells us, "they all joined together constantly in prayer." Consider this example and invite a few people to join you in both praying together, as well as praying shared requests throughout the week.
2. In this study, how do you hear God calling you to follow Him?

HEART: How does this influence my identity in Jesus?

1. Verses 15-19 describe the tragic results of Judas' pursuit of riches. We betray Jesus when we make a created thing (whether it is riches or something else) a higher priority than the Creator. What tends to take precedence over Jesus in your life?
2. Why is having Jesus better than any created thing?



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January 11/12

Acts 1:1-11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

This week is the start of the Thrive series through the book of Acts. Share one or two things that you hope to gain from going through this series.

HEAD: What is the passage saying?

1. Based on verses 1 through 11, what is the sequence of events in the life of Jesus? How do these events provide a foundation for the rest of the book of Acts?
2. The first 11 verses include references to the Trinity: Father, Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit. How is each person of the Trinity at work in these introduction verses?
3. What were Jesus' instructions to his apostles (see verses 4, 5, & 8)?
4. In verse 8, Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..." Based on verse 8, what are the pieces of evidence of the Holy Spirit's power?

HANDS: How do I practically live this out?

1. In verse 8, Jesus said, "you will be my witnesses." Do you think of yourself as a witness? Share a time you have experienced being a witness to others about what Jesus has done.
2. What intentional action can you do this week to live out being "a witness"?
3. Share one specific person can you pray for this week who does not know Jesus. Invite the group to pray for this person too!

HEART: How does this influence my identity in Jesus?

1. In verse 8, Jesus promises that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them. What difference does it make if we have received power from the Holy Spirit?
2. Are there patterns in your life that reveal the Holy Spirit's power?

Based on this study, what is one personal action point you would like to share with the group?



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