

The Week in the Word

Acts Worksheet #5 Peter's First Sermon

Passage: Acts 2:14-36

Sermon Dates: Dec.8-9

Study Period: Dec. 2-7

Link Group Meetings: Dec.9-14

The Holy Spirit had come, and the disciples were suddenly able to speak in languages they hadn't learned. This left the crowd amazed and perplexed. Some even accused the disciples of being drunk. So Peter stands up as their new spokesman, and lets them know what is really behind this new phenomenon. It is his first sermon, given to a crowd of 3000!

1. How would you prefer to give a speech--well prepared ahead of time, or impromptu? Why?

2. Read Acts 2:13-47 When Peter stood up to speak, who stood up with him? (2:14)

3. Who did Peter address, and what command did he give them? (2:14)

4. Why is it unlikely that these men would be drunk? (2:15)

5. What was the true reason for these events? 16-21; 33

6. If you were a stranger in Jerusalem during this time, what would you be able to learn about Jesus from verses 22-24 of Peter's sermon?

7. How was God in control of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection? (2:22-24)

8. The Jews had a very high view of David, their ancestor, even to the point of thinking that he might be greater than the coming Messiah. (see Mark 12:35-37). What does Peter try to prove about Jesus and David in v.25-32? What is he proving in v.33-35?

9. What spectacular claim does Peter make as he is standing before the crowd with the other apostles? (2:32)

10. How does Peter explain the miraculous "tongues" phenomena? (2:33)

11. What conclusion does Peter draw from what he has said in his sermon? (2:36)