



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, June 9, 2024

## ACTS: The Heart of the Church Empowered for Ministry

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 2:14-41. What's your reaction to Peter's sermon? How does that compare to the people's reaction in verse 37?
2. Notice that in this relatively short sermon Peter makes three references to the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). Why? How does that help Peter make his point? What is Peter's point (vs. 36)?
3. Why do you think Luke added verse 41 into this account of Peter's sermon?
  - Ministry is about the numbers
  - Peter's sermon got results
  - People are baptized into community
  - Christianity is about saving souls

### Explore

4. Have you ever been so driven by the Holy Spirit that others might have judged you as being drunk? What was that like?
5. How do you receive the Holy Spirit (vss.38-39)? How have you been changed by the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
6. What motivates you to participate in ministry?
  - It's an obligation
  - It's my passion
  - Driven by the Spirit
  - Serving my Master
  - To get stuff done
  - Somebody has to do it
  - To get into heaven
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the significance of baptism to you (consider the role of baptism in vss. 38-41)?

### Pray

- ... a prayer of repentance that expresses your desire to reorient your life towards Christ.
- ... for the gift of the Holy Spirit to inspire you in serving your master and lord, Jesus Christ.
- ... for guidance to live as a Christian community that is distinguished from the corruption of the world.