

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding - Acts 2:1-13 - As Promised, The Holy Spirit Comes in Power - 09.22.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Can you think of a process whereby something is fundamentally transformed from one thing to another never to revert back?
How does Acts 2:1-13 reveal a fundamental change from one human experience to another without ever reverting back?
What (or "who") is the agent of this transformation and what is the result, particularly with how God will be worshiped?
3. As you consider Acts 2:1-13, how do the promises listed in Matthew 3:11, John 14:15-17, and Acts 1:8 find their fulfillment here?
How does God's fulfillment of this promise lead to a better life for all who trust Him, and also give cause to trust Him more?
How does what's recorded in these verses provide a framework for how the Holy Spirit works in God's people forever?
In what specific ways does the Holy Spirit help you as you seek to live your life by faith in Jesus?
How is He empowering & equipping you to be a witness for the Lord & carry out the work he's called you into?
4. Why is it so important to recognize the means and the outcome of this mighty movement of God in Acts 2?
What is the means, and what is the outcome for the believers experiencing this? What's the outcome for those witnessing it?
How do passages like Exodus 40:38, 2 Chronicles 7:1, & Genesis 11 help us to better understand Acts 2:1-13?
5. In reading verses 12 & 13, you see different responses to those who've witnessed this truly awesome display of God's power:
What are the responses, and how do they reflect the general attitude of humanity when confronted with God's work?
As you consider your life, are there ways that you respond to God's work dismissively rather than being drawn to worship Him?
**As you reflect on this question, remember to think about internal conviction in addition to external observation...*
How can you be among those who respond to God's work properly in worship rather than in apathy/ignorance/dismissiveness?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME:

Just as the Lord has promised time and again!

Let's remain hopeful in God's faithfulness!

To permanently indwell all of God's people!

Let's live by His power within us, not our flesh!

To equip God's people for all their work in Christ!

Let's live by His power within us, not our flesh!

To lead people from every nation to trust in Jesus!

Let's be united in the One Spirit who leads us all!