

# TALK IT OVER

ACTS 1-2

9-13-20

**Opening Questions:** Share the most amazing thing you have ever been a part of or seen. Do you believe in miracles? What makes something miraculous?

**Review the book of Acts:** Luke wrote the book of Acts to record how Christ Followers were empowered by the Holy Spirit and worked to spread the Gospel of Christ, and to be a model for the future church. He records the miraculous events surrounding time immediately following the ascension of Jesus Christ.

The book of Acts is also the history of the birth, the founding, and the spread of the Church from Jerusalem to the known world.

**READ** Acts 1:6-8 to the group...

6 So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

When God empowers us as His people, filled with the Holy Spirit, We can do the miraculous!!!

- Miracles happen when there are opposing forces. Acts is an example of God showing that nothing that opposes Him can have any chance against His sovereignty!

**OPENING ACTIVITY:** Ask 5-6 people to pull up their favorite song on their phones. At the same time ask them all to hit play (**FF** into each song about 60 seconds and start there) Have one person try to discern which songs are being played, or at least one of the songs. (Have phones close together)

## **READ**

Acts 2:1-8 & discuss the HOLY SPIRIT's encounter with those gathered in the upper Room.

## **ASK**

- Why is it important for people to hear and understand the Gospel in their own language?
- What would be an example of taking the Gospel into someone's specific context?
- How is this idea consistent with Matthew 28:19?

**Was** there ever a time that you felt "filled" with the Holy Spirit and tasked for a specific purpose or opportunity? (Naturally if you are a believer you have the HS in you) but what about a special anointing or boldness given by God for such a time as this?

When have you experienced other's boldness or empowerment by them being led by the Spirit? Does this ever seem awkward? Why?

**Bottom Line is this...**

The church today has access to the same God!  
God's Spirit is for us to exemplify His power so that He can receive Glory!

**What** is something that God might be calling you to that you haven't followed through on?

**Next Week** we will be reading and discussing ACTS 3-4.  
Bring your Bibles and invite someone to church.

**PRAYER:** God help me to listen and be aware when your Holy Spirit is not only leading me and giving me the ability to respond in miraculous ways.