



Scriptures for further study

Joel 2:28-32 | Luke 3:16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John 7:37-39; Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-13

“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.”

1. How do Jesus' words and actions in John 7:37-39 contradict the belief some hold today that He was a good man and teacher but not the Son of God? What connection does Jesus make between Himself and the Holy Spirit here?
2. In what ways have you experienced for yourself the truth of John 7:37-38? How would the Spirit empower the disciples to carry out Jesus' mission? How does this help us understand the role of the Spirit in our lives today?
3. According to Acts 1:8, are we witnesses if we never share our personal experiences with Jesus Christ? Why or why not? What is the significance of the places named in this verse? What places in your context might correspond to Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria?
4. If every believer has the Holy Spirit living inside them, then should every believer be sharing the gospel? If the Holy Spirit is so powerful, then what holds us back? Can you ever exhaust the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?
5. In Acts 2:1-13, the two responses of people at this supernatural event were “What?” and “Whoa!” Which of the two best describes your view of the Holy Spirit's power? Explain. Why do people today still respond to the Holy Spirit with a disbelieving, “What?”
6. What “Whoa!” do you want to see and experience in your life by the Holy Spirit's power this week? From the example of the early believers in Acts 1-2, what is your responsibility in that?
7. Respond to the following statement: We will never live in the fullness that God intends for us when everything in our lives can be explained apart from the work and presence of the Spirit of God.