

Men's Bible Study: Acts

Week 3

9/1/21

Arrival of the Holy Spirit

What is one moment or story from the Old Testament that you would have loved to witness firsthand?

Acts 1:8 (ESV), "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."

Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

Pentecost = fifty (Fifty days after Passover)

Festival of Weeks = Commemorates receiving the Law on Mt. Sinai fifty days after Passover in Egypt

1. God wants us to know Him Personally

Jeremiah 31:31-33 (ESV)

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (ESV)

2. God wants us to experience His Power & Presence

Acts 2:2 (ESV), "And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting."

Acts 2:3-4 (ESV), "And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Acts 2:5-6a (ESV), "Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at the sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered..."

Exodus 19:16 (ESV), “On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.”

Exodus 20:18 (ESV), “Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off.”

Vance Havner, “We are not going to move this world by criticism of it nor conformity to it, but by the combustion within it of lives ignited by the Spirit of God.”

3. God wants us to understand His Promise

Acts 2:6-8 (ESV), “And at the sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished saying, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?’”

Acts 2:11b-14a (ESV), “...we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God. ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³But others mocking said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them...”