

Acts of the Apostles: *The Promised Holy Spirit*

Week of January 19, 2025

Acts 2:1-41

Has there ever been a time when the Holy Spirit unexpectedly spoke through you to someone?

Read Acts 2:1-4

Are there any other instances where God used a great wind or a flame to represent His presence?

The Holy Spirit impacted the disciples' ability to communicate. How does this fact combat our own insecurities about speaking publicly for Jesus?

Read Acts 2:5-12

How did the crowds react to hearing the apostles speak in various languages?

How does the diversity of the crowd set up spreading the message of the Gospel?

Read Acts 2:36-41

What key points about Jesus does Peter make in his sermon to convict the people?

How does the text describe the immediate response of those who heard Peter's message?

For Further Consideration and Application:

How can you help to foster an environment that invites the presence of the Holy Spirit?

How can you reach out to others from diverse backgrounds in your community? Think of practical steps you can take to bridge cultural or language barriers.

How can you encourage others to take that step as a public declaration of their faith? (profession, baptism, church membership, personal evangelism, etc.)

Prayer Prompt:

Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you mightily. Pray for barriers to come down for the Gospel message. Pray that you can more deeply understand the Scriptures so that they may be an effective tool for your witness.