

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

## READING PLAN

### Week 2 Review

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Week 2 took us through Acts 2, and we read of the wonderful manner in which God gave the Holy Spirit to those gathered in the Upper Room. Let's work through our review.

#### Acts 2:1-13

1. Verse 1-13 - Pentecost was 50 days after Passover. Pentecost was a Jewish celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest and the giving of the law. For Christians, we would come to celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit and a harvest of souls saved. Acts 2 puts us at 10 days after the ascension of Jesus. The Holy Spirit came with a demonstration of His arrival. The fire represents such aspects as Jesus' presence, purifying, drawing to warmth, and power.
2. Why do you think the initial sign of receiving the Holy Spirit was the gift of being able to speak in other known languages (these were not unknown tongues)? How would this gift demonstrate the gospel is to go into all the world?

#### Acts 2:14-36

1. What are 3 truths you see Peter focusing on in this initial sermon?

#### Acts 2:37-47

1. What was Peter's answer to the question in verse 37?
2. Repent - what does this word mean?
3. "... and be baptized..." We do not believe baptism is a saving act. If so, then every place in the New Testament that explains the gospel would have included the phrase, "believe and be baptized." Peter's call to be baptized was a strong word for the people, vastly a Jewish audience. Baptism would identify them as people who believed Jesus was the Messiah. That

would have been a sure sign of faith. For some, it would be a means to have their name on a list of those to be persecuted.

4. For all who believed, what else would they immediately receive? Who was the promise for?
5. What 4 things did the new believers devote themselves to in verse 42?
6. Vs. 43-47 - What were some of the initial characteristics the new believers displayed?