

ACTS EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, October 16, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 6 | It's All About Jesus!

Acts 2:14-41

After the Spirit came v. 1-13

Peter **EXPLAINED** what was happening, v. 14-21

from coward to courageous v. 14ff; Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:55-62; John 18:16-18, 25-27; 2Tim. 1:7

God pours out the Holy Spirit Joel 2:28-32

how it's **ALL ABOUT JESUS** v. 22-36


God's sovereignty & our agency/responsibility v. 22-24

Jesus and David Psalm 16:8-11; Psalm 110:1; Psalm 132:11; 2Samuel 7:1-29

and that we all **NEED HIM.** v. 37-41

the Gospel is for everyone v. 39; Acts 17:30; Titus 2:11; Mark 6:12

Jesus is your only hope! John 14:6; Psalm 39:7-9; 1 Peter 1:3-6

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3 MAJOR FEASTS

Acts 2 takes place during the feast of Pentecost. God ordained 7 feasts/festivals for Israel in **Leviticus 23**. Pentecost is one of three major feasts that required "native born" Israelite males to pilgrimage to Jerusalem and worship at the Temple each year. Below is an overview of those three major feasts. . .

Passover (Unleavened Bread)

Celebrated in the spring (modern day March/April), Passover remembered the Exodus and God's rescue of his people from Egypt. It pointed ahead to Jesus's atoning work on the cross rescuing us as God's wrath for sin "passes over" us and lands on Jesus.

Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)

Pentecost (which means "fiftieth") was celebrated 50 days after Passover. It was celebrated "the day after the seventh Sabbath" after Passover. Since the date was determined by the passing of a "week" of weeks (7 weeks), it was often called the Feast of Weeks. It was celebrated at the wheat harvest and included a first fruits offering to God, remembering that God is the provider of all things. It was about 50 days after the first Passover that God provided the Law at Mount Sinai so Israel would know how to live in the Promised Land. **Acts 2** reminds us God is the provider of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to *actually* live the Christian life, empowering us to carry out Jesus's mission.

Feast of Tabernacles (Booths)

About 4 months after Pentecost, the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths/Tents) was celebrated in late September/early October. The Israelites would make temporary "booths" (like a tent) to dwell in during this week-long feast to remind them of God's covenant promise to dwell among his people and that our time here is temporary. It remembered the ancient Israelites' journey to the Promised Land, and their temporary dwelling places along the way. Many scholars believe that Jesus was born during this time (not December 25 as made popular by the Catholic Church in the 4th Century). John 1:14 says "*the Word became flesh and dwelt (lit. 'tabernacled') among us. . .*" Jesus came to live among us temporarily at his first coming, and will forever at his second coming!



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Getting Started

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

Share with the Group:

We're going to circle back to Spiritual Gifts again in our study this week. The sweet spot for every follower of Jesus is to be used by the Creator for what we were created to do. Have you ever sensed you were in your sweet spot? If so, what was that like?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. This week we took a look at Peter's story and how the Spirit grew him, transformed his perspective and used him to impact others as the early church began to grow. Similarly, looking back at our own stories can also give us insight into how God's Spirit has been at work getting our attention, encouraging us, convicting us and affirming our gifts and abilities. Answer the questions below in the context of your life's timeline and be ready to share your responses with your group.



- When and how did God begin to get your attention about what it means to follow him?
 - Can you think of any time when God's Spirit got your attention and/or grew your awareness of Godly character (**Galatians 5:22-23**)? If so, explain. (Experiences with friends, situation in life, personal crisis/success, work situation, church event, etc.)
 - What talents and/or abilities do you love to use? Have you ever thought they were given to you to impact the Kingdom?
 - Can you think of any significant events or things that impacted your faith journey?
 - Looking back at what you just wrote, is there anything specific to how the Spirit has helped you to grow or may want to use you to help make an impact?
2. If you haven't yet, text "**GIFTS**" to **833-271-8805** get an ebook describing many of the gifts listed in Scripture. Read through them and consider which gifts you might have. Talk about them as a group. **Which do you think you might have?** Ask others in your group for their input.

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR CORE VALUES

These are things you'll see to be true about us...



1. It's All About Jesus!

You'll hear us say this often.—Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!* Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



2. God Wrote it All Down

God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



3. All People Matter

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



4. We All Need Friends

You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone. Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



5. No Sacred Cows

Jesus is sacred, God's Word is sacred, *but our opinions, methods, and traditions are not*—we'll let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Acts 2:1-4 (NIRV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

³⁷ Peter's words **pierced** their hearts, and they **said** to him and to the **other apostles**, "**Brothers**, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter **replied**, "**Each** of you must **repent** of your **sins** and **turn** to God, and be **baptized** in the **name** of **Jesus Christ** for the **forgiveness** of your **sins**. **Then** you will **receive** the **gift** of the **Holy Spirit**."³⁹

This **promise** is to you, to your **children**, and to those far **away**—all who have **been called** by the **Lord** our God."⁴⁰ **Then Peter continued** preaching for a **long time**, **strongly urging** all his **listeners**, "Save yourselves from this **crooked generation!**"⁴¹ Those who believed what **Peter said** were **baptized** and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

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life groups Study Guide (continued)

- After talking about them, here's a link to a Spiritual Gift inventory that might help in discovering your gift(s). <https://giftstest.com/test/signup>
REMEMBER – when taking one of these, there is no pass or fail, or final determination of what you are or are not gifted to do. It's only a tool to help you discover. — **To really figure out your gifting, start serving somewhere to discover, develop, and deploy your gifts!**

3. Regardless of the spiritual gifts and abilities we've been given, we all have the ability to use our speech in order to influence other people. Whether you communicate more like Peter or tend to be on the softer side, your words are important and have impact. How do the following verses help us understand the gift and power of our words so we can communicate in ways that have a positive impact?

James 3:13-17

Ephesians 4:1-3

2 Timothy 2:23-25

- What advice would you give a Christian who continually tries to win spiritual arguments, but ends up offending or ostracizing others?
- Which of these verses is most important for you to hear when it comes to your words?

Taking It Home

1. Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what is most important for you to remember and why?

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. **Divide into separate groups of men and women and pray for one another.**



Ready to start serving? Text us at **833-271-8805**. Someone on staff will get back to you to help you get plugged in!

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