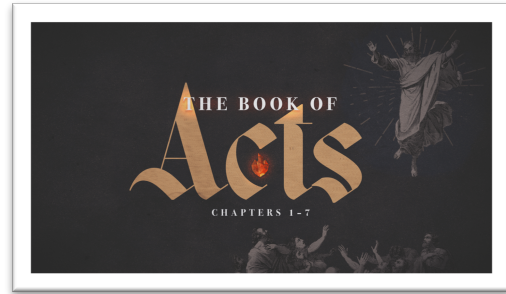


LET THIS BE KNOWN TO YOU

ACTS 2:14-21 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD
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What I need to know about the mighty works of God is that they are grace-based (2:14), Spirit-empowered (2:15-17a), Scripture-grounded (2:17b-18), end-times-oriented (2:19-20) and mission-centric (2:21)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- C.S. Lewis' famous allegory, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, illustrates that some Christians would prefer God to be safe. Lewis writes that God (represented by Aslan) is not safe, but he is good. Why is it important for us to remember these two aspects of God's character when we observe his mighty works?
- The pouring out of the Holy Spirit in such a phenomenal manner (Acts 2:1-13) was a gracious gift to assist the disciples in proclaiming Jesus as the promised Messiah and saviour of the world. The spectacular nature of the event may cause us to think the disciples were more qualified and deserving of this gift than other believers. What can happen to our faith if we think the spirit comes in response to how we act, rather than in response to Christ's direction?
- What does Ephesians 2:8-9 make explicitly clear about salvation? How does the phrase, "not by works so that no man can boast" help us understand more about the gracious gift of the spirit?
- Do you think of Peter's speech in Acts 2:14-21 as a spirit-filled event in the same way as when he walked on water or spoke in unlearned foreign language? Why or why not?

- Peter used the word of God to explain the activity of the Spirit and bring clarity to Jesus' mission. Do you think that you have enough knowledge of the Scriptures to explain the gospel to others who have experienced God moving powerfully in their lives? What are some go to passage in scripture you could use to motivate another person to call upon God in response to his presence in their lives?
- Peter believed that the miraculous events they had all experienced were ushering in the last days. This is a period of time that God had already described through a prophecy written down in Joel 2:28-32. There can be much speculation and confusion around the interpretation of these events, but we should remember they are written for our encouragement. As you look at Acts 2:17-21, what are some of the events from the prophecy that were being fulfilled in Peter's day?
- Going back to Acts 2:14, we are reminded that Peter stood with the eleven. He was not alone. He was on mission with others who shared the same urgency and passion to serve Jesus. Who do you stand with that shares a sense of responsibility for sharing the gospel message with the world? How can you be more supportive to Christians who are engaged in sharing the gospel with people who aren't already in your church.