

Sermon Discussion Questions

ACTS 2:1-13 // THE POWER

- Summarize what we've covered so far from our study in Acts. What sticks out to you from chapter 1?
- How much do you think the early Jesus-followers knew to expect about the coming of the Holy Spirit? Do you think their expectations were met? Why or why not?
- Have you ever felt overwhelmed by God's call on us to make his presence known by sharing the gospel with others? How have you dealt with that feeling of overwhelm?
- Pastor Joey said "you are where heaven and earth come together." What did he mean by that? Is that good news?
- Where else in Scripture do the images of wind and fire show up? Give some examples. What do these things signify?
- When God indwelled the Jesus-followers with the Holy Spirit, what was He doing? Pastor Joey used the words "temple" and "sacred space." What does that mean?
- Acts 1:8 tells us that Jesus's early followers should expect to receive "power" when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. How would you describe that "power"? Is it a generic type of "energy" or something more specific?
- What does it mean to "speak in tongues"?
- How did the followers speaking in tongues end up attracting a crowd? What kind of people was that crowd made up of?
- What was the crowds' attitude when they saw what was happening?

- How do you think these early Jesus-followers would have felt, knowing Jesus had told them to witness to his resurrection to the ends of the earth...and now the ends of the earth are coming to their door?
- Does the Holy Spirit empower us today in the same way that He empowered Peter and the rest of the Jesus-followers?
- How does the Holy Spirit empower us today?

