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Acts

Study #3 Acts 2:1-13

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

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| A. (READ) | What does it say? |
| B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) | What does it mean? |
| C. (REFLECT) | What does it mean to me? |

1. When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The Day of Pentecost was a special day. It was to be the day that God's Holy Spirit would arrive and fill all those present. They were all together.

C. (REFLECT) The unity of Believers is important. Many people say they are Christians and yet they avoid going to church. What are some of the reasons that people, give for not attending church? Write each of these reasons down & tell why each of these reasons are not good ones.

2. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) There was a sound like a hurricane wind indoors. The sound filled the entire house.

C. (REFLECT) Have you ever been in a hurricane/tornado or typhoon? Were you scared? It was likely very scary for the 120 in the Upper Room.

3. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The 120 saw little candles hover over each person.

C. (REFLECT) The Holy Spirit has chosen individuals. Note that nobody was left out. There were strong Christians & weak ones, yet the Holy Spirit came to each & every one. Do you feel the Holy Spirit's presence more in singing, or in praying, in reading the Bible, in hearing others tell of what Jesus has done in their lives, in your telling people about Jesus, or in listening to preaching?

4. *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) God's Holy Spirit filled everybody. They spoke in other languages.

C. (REFLECT) 1) What advantages can you think of to speak in a new language? 2) What about speaking a "Spirit Language" that you do not understand? 3) What dangers are there in trying to falsify such a "Spirit Language"?

5. *Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.*

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) Since this occurred during the Feast of Pentecost, people had already come from great distances to be in Jerusalem.

C. (REFLECT) God's timing is always perfect. Tell of a time when you were in just the exact right place at the exact right time for something delightful to happen.

6. *When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.*

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The people from many different countries heard their own languages spoken. They were surprised & also warmed by the familiarity of it in this foreign country.

C. (REFLECT) When you are traveling, what comforts you to remind you of home?

7. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The foreigners were surprised that Galileans were speaking the foreign languages in a Galilean accent.

C. (REFLECT) What do you think the 120 were saying?

8. Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The foreigners were questioning how the Galileans knew their foreign languages.

C. (REFLECT) Why is it more powerful & easy to share the Gospel in the language of the people that you are speaking to?

9. Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The people had come from the east, & from right there (Judea).

C. (REFLECT) Countries to the East of the Philippines include Micronesia, The USA, Mexico & South America. What are some foods, languages & cultures unique to these areas?

10. Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The people had also come from the west, and as far as Egypt & Rome.

C. (REFLECT) Countries to the South and West of the Philippines include Russia, Korea, Australia, Africa, Europe and India. What are some foods, languages & cultures unique to these areas?

11. (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The foreigners were both Jews & converts to Judaism, declaring the wonders of God.

C. (REFLECT) The Jews from other countries were likely displaced from Israel due to business or wars. The converts to Judaism had likely done so due to the testimony & righteous lifestyles of these displaced Jews. If a Filipino Christian businessman were to move to another country to do business, how could he share his testimony without losing his job?

12. Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The foreigners were surprised and confused.

C. (REFLECT) The foreigners were looking for meaning in it all. They were looking to respond to the unique situation, & not just to ignore it. What could be three or four possible actions that they might take in response?

13. Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) The foreigners considered that maybe the Galilean 120 were drunk.

C. (REFLECT) 1) Why would this suggestion of the Galileans being drunk be an insult to the foreigners? 2) The foreigners made fun of the 120. Have you ever been persecuted for your faith?