



ACTS: LIVING ON MISSION

Acts 2:14-41

Week of July 16, 2023

Start at 9:45-9:55

Belong: *Use 5-10 minutes as an opportunity to get to know one another. The questions below are written for people to open-up and to know the group members.*

Take a **few minutes** to hear about your group members' week.

Choose two of the questions below:

- Ask about highs or lows that have happened since the last time you met.
- Or, Give a fun fact about yourself.
- **Or, How would you feel just before getting up to speak in front of a large crowd? What topic would you speak on?**

How has God revealed Himself to you this week?

9:55-10:05

Believe: *Use 5-10 minutes to read this week's assigned Scriptures then highlight each verse that helps you to understand the passage better. Include the book, chapter and verse(s).*

Last week, Pastor Jacob covered the Holy Spirit's arrival on the day of Pentecost. At His arrival, the Holy Spirit caused those gathered in the upper room to "speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." **[Acts 2:4]** In **verses 12-13**, Luke records a question & a response from those who witnessed this amazing work of the Holy Spirit. The question they asked was, **"What does this mean?"** And the statement they made was, **"They are filled with new wine."** **This week**, Peter will preach the first recorded sermon in Acts. In this sermon, he responds to the statement immediately and preaches a sermon to answer the question. On that day, about 3000 people respond to the preaching of the gospel and were baptized.

Have a group member read **Acts 2:14-41** aloud.

10:05-10:20

Build: *Use about 15 minutes to engage the passage and wrestle with its meaning.*

What was Peter's response to the people's statement, **"they are filled with new wine"**? *[He clarified that the disciples were not drunk, since it was only 9:00am.]*

In your Bible, Peter quotes 3 different Scriptures from the Old Testament to answer the question, **"what does this mean?"** What were the Scriptures? *[Joel 2:28-32 as well as Psalms 16:8-11 & 110:1]*

- What's the importance of quoting from **Joel 2:28-32**?
- What might this tell us about how we should read the Old Testament?

How did the hearers respond to Peter's words? **[vs. 37]**

How many were added to the church that day? **[3000...vs. 41]**

- Now, they started with 120...how many of the 3000 were each of the original 120 responsible for a piece? *[25...for those who didn't think that math was a requirement for community groups...]*
- How does **Matthew 28:18-20** help you understand the responsibility of the original 120?

10:20-10:35/40

Become: *Use about 15 minutes to apply what you have read. How can this help me? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What is God saying to me?*

Does this first sermon in the Book of Acts encourage you OR overwhelm you?

- Why – for either answer

By raise of hand – how many of you think you would be ready to disciple 25 new converts to Christianity?

- For those who didn't raise their hand, what gives you apprehension?

FBC is a multigenerational church – how can each generation work together to help each of us grow in discipleship, sanctification and in pursuit of mission?

- How has a person from an older generation helped you? **You to older?**
- How has a person from a younger generation helped you? **You to younger?**

What can your class do, to help upgrade the relationships between each generation?

- Can you visit an elderly couple in the church?
- Can you invite people into your home?

After conversion, Luke states the 3000 were immediately baptized. John MacArthur teaches, "Peter does not allow for any "secret disciples." In those days, baptism was a very public acknowledgment the individual was following Jesus Christ.

- How does this differ from our current form of baptism?

10:35/ 10:40 – Class ends at 10:45

Begin: *Use the last 5-10 minutes for prayer. It's important that we not only hear and discuss God's Word but respond to it. (James 1:22)*

**Do you see any of God's attributes in this week's passage that struck out to you?
How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?**

At the end of the conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

- Spend some group time-sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
- Spend some time praying for FBC and that we would be encouraged and hopeful in how God is working in and through FBC Portland.

Additional Resources:

Blue Letter Bible: Acts 2: Check out the QR code to learn more.

Precept Austin: Acts 2: Check out the QR code to learn more.

