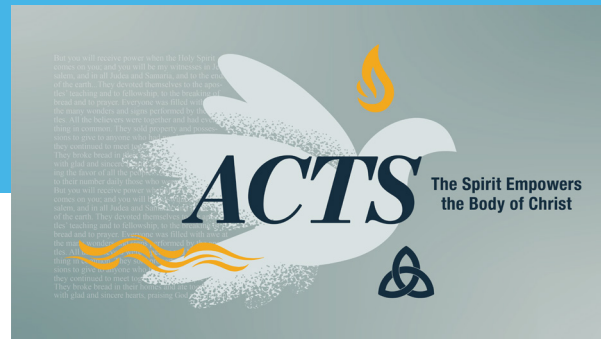


Discussion Questions

March 17, 2024

Acts 2:14-41 - Spirit-Empowered Boldness for Today



1. Reflect on a time when you felt empowered by the Holy Spirit to step out of your comfort zone.

What was the experience like for you? How did it impact your faith journey?

2. Read: Acts 2:14-18

Summarize the main points that Joel says will happen.

Paul says the disciples speaking in tongues and sharing of what God has done is a fulfillment of what Joel had prophesied. In what ways is this prophecy being fulfilled at Pentecost?

3. Read Ephesians 5:18

Consider the contrast between being filled with the Spirit and being drunk, as discussed in the sermon. How does the Holy Spirit enable us to experience true joy and boldness without reliance on external substances or circumstances?

4. We saw in the sermon going back to Moses the desire for all people to be filled with the Spirit, then echoed in Joel, and demonstrated in Acts. Discuss why you think this is not the lived reality for most Christians. What factors do you think prevent people from increasingly living this Spirit-empowered life as a way of life laid out in Scripture?

5. In what ways are you challenged to or already reaching out to the nations on our door-step?

What are the barriers preventing us from doing so, and how can they be overcome?

6. Pray together for God's empowering presence for boldness to be His witnesses in your spheres of influence.