

1. Read through the entire chapter in one sitting. Identify natural breaks in the text and give titles to each resulting section.
2. Last Sunday, Patrick taught us to distinguish between “prescriptive” and “descriptive” understandings of Scripture. Read Acts 2 again making note of every prescriptive passage.
3. How long after Jesus ascended to heaven did the events of Acts 2 occur? (cf. 1:3, 1:5, & 2:1)
4. Note the verbs in vs. 1-4. Using these, list the events described in these verses. Who are the “they.”
5. According to verse 5, who were the witnesses (the “hearers”) to what was happening? What did they hear (v. 11) and what was their question (v. 12)?
6. Mark the words “languages” (*dialektos*) and “tongues” (*glossa*), not including “tongues of fire.” Based upon their usage in the text, are these words referring to the same thing... or different? And support your conclusion?
7. In verses 17-21, Peter quotes the OT Prophet Joel to answer the question of the crowd, indicating that the disciples were not drunk but were experiencing the fulfillment of prophecy. List the events of Joel’s prophecy. When are the events of Joel’s prophecy to take place (after what & before what)?
8. What does Peter’s sermon (vs. 22-36) have to do with the quote from Joel (vs. 16-21)?
9. Compare Peter’s sermon with 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 and list the similarities.

10. Peter says, “to which we are all witnesses” (v. 32). Compare Acts 1:8. To what were they witnesses?

11. What was Peter’s conclusion and what was the response of the people?

12. How did Peter respond to the question? How did the people respond?

13. What was the size (number) of the company of believers at the beginning of the chapter?
What was their size at the end of Chapter?

14. Several times in this chapter we read of people being “added” to the fledgling church. What prompted each of these additions?

15. What were the components of this new fellowship of believers? What were they lacking?