

GOD ON THE MOVE, HOLY SPIRIT ON THE MOVE

PREAMBLE

Our overarching theme, "God is on the Move," continues into the month of April. After His resurrection Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit. As we turn to study excerpts from the book of Acts, we observe that the baptism actually took place and turned the disciples that had despondently abandoned Jesus at His death, into formidable instruments of the Holy Spirit. It is clear God was on the move and church was His idea.

STUDY ONE

WEEK OF 10TH APRIL

DEVOTION, AWE AND WONDERS

Introduction:

It would be good for one to read chapter one and the preceding part of chapter two because that puts context to the excerpts that we are considering in this study series.

Read: Acts 2:42-43

Observation: (To answer these questions, please stick to the text you have read.)

1. List four things to which the believers devoted themselves?
2. What was everyone filled with?
3. What was done by the apostles?

Interpretation: (To answer these questions, feel free to refer to other relevant passages in the Bible to make your point.)

4. Who were the apostles?
5. What do you think was the content of the apostles' teaching?
6. What was unique about the apostles teaching as compared to today's Christian teaching?

7. "Everyone was filled with awe." What is your understanding of this statement in verse 43a?

8. Are "wonders and miraculous signs" the same thing?

Application:

9. Have you experienced wonders and miraculous signs in your church, family or personal life? Explain.

Memory Verse:

Acts 2:43

"Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles."

(NIV)

Acts 2:43

FELLOWSHIP AND MULTIPLICATION

[Review of Last Week's Memory Verse: Acts 2:43]

Introduction:

It's fellowship sweet, it's sharing, it's multiplication, He is the Holy Spirit of God working in and through God's people.

Read: Acts 2:44-47

Observation: (To answer these questions, please stick to the text you have read.)

1. What things did the believers do together?
2. What did they do to their possessions and goods?
3. Why did they do that?
4. Where did the believers meet every day?
5. What did they do in their homes?
6. How did the Lord respond to these acts?

Interpretation: (To answer these questions, feel free to refer to other relevant passages in the Bible to make your point.)

7. Why were the believers doing things together?
8. Is the standard set in Acts 2:42-47 too high for today's church? Explain.
9. Were non-believers allowed into the fellowships? Discuss.
10. What do you think will be the problem if people fellowship without glad and sincere hearts?

11. What do you think needs to be done in your church and/or group to enhance fellowship and sharing with glad and sincere hearts?

Application:

12. How are you personally involved in fellowship, sharing and multiplication?

Memory Verse:

Acts 2:46-47

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread together in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

(NIV)

Acts 2:46-47