

## My Witnesses - A Study of Acts Discussion Guide: Week 8 - Acts 2:14-41

**Summary of this week's teaching:** This week we looked at Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. In this Spirit-empowered teaching, Peter explained to the crowd that the Holy Spirit was being poured out, as promised, upon all believers. He then invited the huge crowd to repent and believe in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins, and miraculously 3,000 people were added to the church that day! This passage illustrates the Holy Spirit's power, His willingness to use willing believers, His reinforcement of God's written word, and His role to point people to Jesus and salvation.

**Connect:** Relational questions to get conversations started.

1. Have you ever experienced anything like the account of Pentecost in Acts 2 (e.g. miracles, giftings, revivals, moves of God, etc.)?

**Seed:** The Bible, God's inspired Word, is very much like a seed - it contains everything we need to experience life. Please read the following passages of scripture as a group: (perhaps in two different translations) John 14:25-26, John 15:26-27, John 16:13-15, and Acts 2:14-41.

1. What do the passages in John teach us about the Holy Spirit and His roles?
2. How do we see these promises being fulfilled in this week's passage in Acts?
3. Does anything else stand out to you from these passages?

**Roots:** Like subterranean tree roots which extend in all directions searching out water, each believer needs to grow and develop spiritual roots that allow us to make personal connections with our God.

1. How have you connected with the Lord this week?
2. Reflect on your last week. How have you seen the Holy Spirit's involvement in your life?

**Trunk:** Without trunks, plants may be large, useful, and beautiful, but they are not trees. The same is true for our faith - without it we are not saved and cannot please God. These questions will help us grow our faith in Him.

1. What roles does the Spirit play in your life of faith, and how do these align with this week's passage?
2. Have you ever felt the Spirit leading you to do something outside of your comfort zone? How did that experience affect your faith?

**Crown:** Crowns are the glory of a tree; the culmination of the roots and trunk working in harmony and can be seen for miles around. The crown of a tree represents the visible portion of our faithlife. These questions will encourage us to apply these principles into our everyday lives.

1. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter stood up and without any preparation preached to at least 3,000 people. We never know what the Spirit will ask of us, or when He will ask it. Please spend some time in prayer and ask the Spirit to use you however He wants to this week. Be prepared to come back next week and share how you were used!

