

## **OUTLINE:**

**TITLE:** Pentecost and Preaching – what do we do with all of this?

**TEXT:** Acts 2:2–36

- I. The Setting**
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  - B. The Fulfilment**
  
- II. The Spirit's Arrival**
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    - 1. The Messianic expectations**
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  - A. The Prophecy of Joel**
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## **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What did you hear?**
  
- 2. Acts 2 is a 1 chapter presentation of Jesus fulfilling His promise from Matthew 16 that He would build His Church. He said that He would: (1) send His Spirit (2) to enable His Disciples (3) to go to all peoples and (4) build His Church.**

**Look at the chapter and discuss how all four of these things are accomplished in this one setting.**

- 3. God used natural events that the people perceived to be unusual phenomena to catch the people's attention so that they could receive**

**the gospel. Do you think that God does this today? What are some circumstances that God uses to help prepare people to hear?**

- 4. When Peter answered the people's questions about what was happening, He used the scriptures as his source of authority, and then explained them to present the Gospel.**

**How important is it that we use the scriptures to lead people to salvation today?**

**How should we use the Scriptures?**

**Can you use the scriptures to present the Gospel?**

- 5. As Peter explained what happened from Scripture He created a need (impending judgment for sin) and offered hope (salvation). Jesus did the same thing when dealing with the Woman at the Well in John 4. We see the process repeated in the Apostle's preaching throughout the Book of Acts.**

**How can we help people see their need of salvation?**

**How can we offer hope for salvation?**

- 6. It is never easy to confront people about their need for salvation. Peter went from denying Christ before a little girl to proclaiming Christ before a crowd. This was the work of the Spirit in emboldening and enabling him.**

**Do you think the Spirit does this in believers today?**

**How can we know if the Spirit will help us in declaring the Gospel?**

- 7. We know that while the Apostle's waited and prayed for the Promise of Jesus that they became a visible and joyful presence in Jerusalem and at the Temple.**

**In light of sharing the Gospel with our lost culture, how important do you think it is that believers are "visible" in our culture?**

**What are some ways that we can be "visible?"**

**How important is it that our presence be joyful?**