

Acts 2: 14-47



The Text – Acts 2:14-47

What do you think it means to 'be church'? Discuss.

1. Read Acts 1:1-10. What are the disciples hoping for and what do you make of Jesus' response to them?
2. Read Acts 2:1-13. What do you think is the significance of the Holy Spirit's arrival and what do you think these signs mean?
3. Read Acts 2:14-36. What new things does Peter say are happening because of these events?
4. Peter talks a lot about King David here. What is the relationship Peter sees between David and Jesus? What does that mean for the church today?
5. Read Acts 2:37-41. What are the key responses Peter urges the crowd to make? Why is such a response important in light of the Holy Spirit's arrival?
6. Read Acts 2:42-47. What does the life of the new Jesus community look like? What aspects of life are altered by the Holy Spirit's arrival?

The Scriptures – Acts 2:14-47 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. Read Joel 2:28-32. What is the significance of the Holy Spirit's arrival according to Joel? What do you think is the relationship between Israel and the new church?
8. Read Psalm 110. Who is David referring to as Lord in this Psalm? How does Peter interpret this Psalm in Acts 2?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Acts 2:14-47 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. According to Acts 2, what is 'the church'?
10. How much do you think the church should resemble what is described in Acts 2:42-47?
11. In Acts 2:42-47, all of life is altered for the community of believers. Nothing is left untouched. In what ways is the Holy Spirit forming our churches? What might it look like if we were to see the church as a whole new way of being in the world?