

TAKEAWAY

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE



Part Four: Acts 2:1-13

At Maybridge we want to be a church of disciples who make disciples – we hope this takeaway session encourages practical outcomes in the lives of the individuals in your group. The focus of group discussion should be on becoming 'doers of the word' and not just hearers or people who enjoy a good discussion!

There are more questions and discussion prompts than you'll have time for, so feel free to use what is helpful for your group as time allows and discussion flows.

INTRODUCTION

At heart Acts is *a message for everyone everywhere, about a person who is for everyone everywhere*. In this session, we unpack Luke's account of the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13. Rather than a focus on supernatural experiences, we see that the Holy Spirit ultimately empowers and equips the church to share Jesus with everyone, everywhere

SHARE

- If time and money weren't a factor, what is one place in the world that you'd like to visit and why?
- When you hear talk of the Holy Spirit, what words or ideas come to mind?

READ

Acts 2:1-13

DISCUSS

What does this passage suggest about the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian? What is He doing with us?

When you hear or read phrases like "filled with the Holy Spirit," (verse 4) what thoughts or questions come to mind?

Why is it significant that the Holy Spirit rested on all the believers rather than just one leader?

How does the idea that every genuine Christian receives the Holy Spirit encourage or challenge you?

The account of the Pentecost story shows us that it is ultimately about Jesus rather than supernatural experiences. Why might that distinction matter? Why do you think people sometimes focus more on spiritual experiences than on the message about Jesus?

As they were filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples spoke in languages people could understand – Jews from every nation (verse 5). What does this reveal about how God communicates?

Why are cross-cultural relationships vitally important for the church?

What challenges might prevent people from building relationships with those from different cultures or backgrounds?

What benefits could come from a church becoming more intentionally multicultural and globally aware?

Where might God be inviting you to step outside your comfort zone in order to connect with people who are different from you?

How could you personally grow in awareness, prayer, or involvement with Christians and communities in other parts of the world?

PRAY

TRY OUT

- Research a few global christian mission charities or organisations and consider prayerfully or financially supporting them. Commit to pray for them over the next month or so...
- At Maybridge, we'd love to build a team that helps us prayerfully and financially partner with global organisations. Is this something you would be willing to be a part of? Is there anyone in your group who would be a wise addition to a church 'global' team? Get in touch if so.
- Read through Acts 2.