

May 15 - Week 19 – Questions to Consider

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you had one day with no responsibilities, what would you do?

Acts 2 ~ Acts 3 ~ Acts 4 ~ Acts 5 ~ Acts 6

1. How did your life change when you became a Christian? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's changing work in your life?
2. What do you think it was like for the believers at Pentecost, when they first received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-13)?
3. What were the gifts of "tongues" described in Acts 2? What was their purpose? Why was this so needed?
4. We may not preach to a crowd like Peter did in Acts 2, but we are called to be "witnesses" wherever we live and go. What are some ideas of how we can better share the truth and love of Jesus in the midst of a hostile and apathetic culture? Where have you seen success in witnessing? Where have you failed in witnessing?
5. How did Peter know there were people ready to receive Jesus (Acts 2:37)? What did Peter tell them to do?
6. Read the description of the early church in Acts 2:42-47. How is our church similar or different? Are there areas we are missing or ways we can improve as a church family?
7. What is the most valuable thing we can give someone who is poor? Should we ignore beggars? How can we best interact with beggars? Why is this such a touchy issue. What can we learn from Acts 3:1-10? How do we balance this with Matthew 25:42-46? What about 2 Thessalonians 3:10?
8. What do you think about modern day "faith healers"? Fake or faithful? What does Peter say in Acts 3:12? How does that compare with many modern day "faith healers" who seem motivated by money and pride?
9. Many people today believe there are "many ways to God." How is Acts 4:12 a corrective to that false belief?
10. Read the description of Peter and John in Acts 4:13. How does that encourage you?
11. If someone told you that you couldn't talk about Jesus, how might you respond? How did Peter and John respond in Acts 4:19-20? How does that inspire you? Why did they still pray for boldness (Acts 4:29)? How did God answer their prayers?
12. Why were the early believers so generous? (Acts 4:32-37) How can God change our heart to be more generous?

More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

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Acts 1:8

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This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

- Week 20: Acts 7 ~ Acts 8 ~ Acts 9 ~ Acts 10 ~ Acts 11
- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
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