

Bold and Powerful: Receiving Power
Acts 2:1-41
Discussion Guide: July 30, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
 - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?

- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What questions do you have?

READ and ASK: Acts 2:1-41

- How did God use the Spirit on the day of Pentecost to help the disciples (not just the twelve) to fulfill the mission?

- What is significant about the Old Testament references that Peter uses on the day of Pentecost?

- In a sense, Peter's "dominant thought" is the gospel (vs 38). What was the Gospel that Peter preached?
 - o How did the people respond to the Gospel?
 - o What did Peter instruct them to do?

APPLY:

- When has God enabled you to be bold in obeying the mission of God even when you thought you were not able?

- What areas of unbelief must you deal with in order to become more open to the movement of God in your life?

- Peter's instruction in responding to the gospel was an instruction directly for us ("and for all who are far off"), what aspect(s) of responding to the gospel do you need to respond to today?

- NEXT STEP: How can we cultivate sensitivity to the Holy Spirit? What can you do each day to invite the Holy Spirit to use you?
 - o How did this text challenge you to live a more bold and powerful life for Jesus this week?

Memory Work:

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." - Acts 2:38-39

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 2:42-47