SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Acts

Chapter 2

The Spirit Poured Out

MEMORY VERSE · ACTS 2:38

“Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.””

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Acts 2

On Pentecost God poured out His Spirit on ordinary men who had waited and prayed, and a fisherman who had denied Jesus stood up and preached Him boldly. This week the same Jesus offers you the same things Peter offered that crowd — forgiveness for real guilt, the gift of His Spirit, and a family to belong to.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the Acts study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

The Spirit Comes

READ · ACTS 2:1–13

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the disciples hear, see and do when the Spirit came, and what did the crowd hear in their own languages (2:2–4, 6, 11)?

REFLECT

The disciples did not make Pentecost happen; they were simply "all together in one place" waiting as Jesus told them (2:1). What are you trying to make happen in your own strength that you need to ask God for instead?

REFLECT

Some were amazed and asked, "What does this mean?" while others mocked, "They are full of sweet wine" (2:12–13). When you see God changing someone, which reaction comes more naturally to you, and why?

RESPOND — TODAY

Ask God out loud today to fill you with His Spirit for one specific situation you are facing.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (ACTS 2:38)

DAY 2 OF 5

Poured Out on All Who Are His

READ · ACTS 2:14–21

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How did Peter answer the mockers, and on whom did Joel say God would pour out His Spirit (2:15–18)?

REFLECT

Joel's promise includes sons and daughters, young men and old men, and "bondslaves" — the people at the bottom (2:17–18). Where have you believed that God uses other men but not a man like you?

REFLECT

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (2:21). Who is someone you have written off as too far gone, and what would it mean to believe this verse for him?

RESPOND — TODAY

Call on the name of the Lord today for one man you know who is far from God — pray for him by name.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (ACTS 2:38)

DAY 3 OF 5

Both Lord and Christ

READ · ACTS 2:22–36

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does Peter say God did through Jesus, what did the people do to Him, and what did God do after that (2:22–24, 32–33)?

REFLECT

Peter told the crowd plainly, "you nailed to a cross" the One God sent (2:23). How does it feel to know your own sin was part of why Jesus died — and that God still planned to save you through it?

REFLECT

Death could not hold Jesus — "it was impossible for Him to be held in its power" (2:24). What in your life feels like it has a grip on you that the risen Jesus is stronger than?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one thing that has held you down, and next to it write Acts 2:24 in your own words.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (ACTS 2:38)

DAY 4 OF 5

What Shall We Do?

READ · ACTS 2:37–41

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the people feel when they heard Peter, what did they ask, and what three things did Peter tell them (2:37–38)?

REFLECT

They were "pierced to the heart" (2:37). When was the last time God's Word cut through your excuses, and what did you do with that moment?

REFLECT

Peter promised "the forgiveness of your sins" and "the gift of the Holy Spirit" (2:38). Which is harder for you to believe you really have — forgiveness or God's power in you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Confess one sin to God by name today, then thank Him out loud that in Jesus it is forgiven.

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DAY 5 OF 5

A Church Worth Joining

READ · ACTS 2:42–47

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What four things were the new believers devoted to, and what did they do with their possessions and their meals (2:42, 44–46)?

REFLECT

They were "continually devoting themselves" to teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer (2:42). Which of these four is weakest in your life right now, and what is getting in its way?

REFLECT

They shared "with all, as anyone might have need" (2:45). Who in your group or community has a need you could meet this week — with time, a ride, a meal or money?

RESPOND — TODAY

Do one generous thing for a brother in need before the group meets again, without telling anyone.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

The same Peter who denied Jesus to a servant girl preached boldly to thousands after the Spirit came (2:14). What change have you seen the Spirit make in one another since you started meeting?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

The promise was "for you and your children and for all who are far off" (2:39). Who are the far-off ones in our families we should be praying for together by name?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

The first church met in the temple and "from house to house" with "gladness and sincerity of heart" (2:46). What would it take for our group to share life together outside of our weekly meeting?

MY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You were crucified for my sin and raised by Your Father, and You have poured out Your Spirit, so today I repent of…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · ACTS 2:38

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