



Discussion Notes

Wind • Acts 2:1-4

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By the simple way that God moved upon Luke to structure and narrate this history (the book of Acts), it seems probable we are to view this book as a triumphant, joyful, forward-moving expansion of the gospel into the Gentile world, empowered by the Holy Spirit and resulting in changed lives and local communities — as is God's intent — for the continuing church. *"Nothing can hinder it, neither Sanhedrin, nor synagogue, dissension, not narrow-mindedness, prison or plot."* — Gordon Fee

What does Luke want us to know about Acts 2?

In this chapter, we see God's action, the fulfilment of prophecy, and God's fulfillment of covenant. As we appreciate this big idea of *movement*, it is safe to say that Luke is not interested in church structure or polity; he is not interested in standardizing any particular event and/or experience. Rather, He is interested in "Movement." Movement, of course, orchestrated by Holy Spirit.

Context: This group of 120 disciples are in Jerusalem, which, at this time, is the centre of Roman civilization and politics. They are praying and waiting. These are the people that were able to follow instruction, even if they didn't understand all things. However, they did know the One that promised to pour out His Spirit — even though they didn't know what that would entirely entail.

Wind:

Question: What do we know about God's creative movement as we read: Genesis 1:2, Genesis 2:7, Ezekiel 37:3-10, John 3:5-8, John 20:21-22, and Acts 2:4?

Answer: When God fills us, He creates something that didn't exist before.

Fire:

Question: What do we know about God's creative movement as we read: Exodus 3, Exodus 13, 1 Kings 18–19, and Leviticus 6?

Answer: This fire represents the power of God, filling a people to be witnesses of Jesus love and life.

Fullness:

The event in Acts 2:1–4 empowered the apostles to preach the gospel, signifying that they were filled with the Holy Spirit and given "fiery" eloquence. The dividing tongues also represented the gift of speaking in different languages, allowing the disciples to share the gospel with people from many nations. It showed that Holy Spirit gives many gifts, enabling a diverse group to be united in spreading the same message.

Personal take-away questions:

- Are we allowing Holy Spirit to witness to us and make us *His Witnesses*?
- Have you experienced the creative and cleansing work of wind & fire?
- Do you feel empowered and equipped to witness for the Lord?

Discussion Questions:

- Would you think of yourself as:

The Thirsty — Those who deeply long for more of God; people who desire spiritual experience, and are open/expectant toward encountering the Holy Spirit.

The Suspicious — Those who are wary, skeptical, or guarded about the Holy Spirit. This suspicion can come from unfamiliarity (never having much exposure to Spirit-led experience) or from negative past experiences (hurt, manipulation, etc.).

The Uninformed — Those who are simply not aware (or only vaguely aware) of what the Holy Spirit means in biblical/spiritual terms; they've not yet had the experiential knowledge of what the Bible says about the Spirit. (*Tyler Stanton — Familiar Stranger*)

- What does "empowerment of Holy Spirit" mean to you?
- When is the last time you felt empowerment as you witnessed for Jesus?
- What are ways we can prioritize your relationship with Holy Spirit? And what do you imagine will happen as you do?