

Study notes for Sunday 27 January 2019

Acts 2:14-41 The Power of the gospel (Richard Whitney)

1. Review the contents of Peter's sermon – what are the key points? What does he say which surprises you? What might you expect to be there but isn't?
2. To what do you attribute Peter's boldness and confidence?
3. Richard identified the first fruit of being filled with the Spirit as Peter's sermon. How do you react to this?
4. Consider Peter's response to the question – what shall we do?
5. Richard drew attention to the OT experience of the Holy Spirit where He equipped people temporarily for specific tasks. Check out the first such reference. Exodus 31:1-5. Reflect on Richard's reference to our being made in the image of a creator God.
6. Look back into Peter's sermon – in what ways did he see Joel's prophecy being fulfilled?
7. What do you think are the last days?
8. Check out these New Testament references to the activity of the Holy Spirit. John 16:8 (How do you distinguish conviction from condemnation?) John 3:3; 1 Corinthians 3:16, Acts 1:8.
9. See Ephesians 5:18. What is the biblical purpose of being filled with the Spirit? When asked why he needed to be continually filled with the Spirit one wise leader said 'because I leak'. Explore the concept of leaking positively and negatively.

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