Summer Bible Class 2020

Book of Acts

**Miraculous tongues announce the wonders of God**

1. Read Acts 2:1-21. The Holy Spirit equipped believers to speak in all the languages their audience spoke. What was the content of the apostles’ message?
2. Why was Pentecost a good time for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the worldwide spread of the gospel?
3. What was the purpose of the signs and the gift of tongues?
4. Peter quoted Joel as prophesying that the events of Pentecost would occur “in the last days.” If Pentecost happened in the last days, what does that say about the time in which we are now living? Why is that important to know?

**You crucified the Messiah, but He is your Savior too**

1. Read Acts 2:22-41. Peter knew that the people had no sense of what they had done. They were not terrified over God’s impending wrath because of their rejection of his Son. What did Peter have to do before he could comfort them with the message that their sins were forgiven?
2. The knowledge that Jesus rose and now sits at God’s right hand is comforting. But how did Peter’s listeners handle the message of the resurrection, at least at first?
3. After describing the resurrection of Christ, Peter told the crowd, “King David said this very thing would happen.” How did Peter demonstrate that the words of David from Psalm 16 referred not to David but to someone else?
4. From Jesus’ resurrection, Peter moved on to Jesus’ ascension. Again, Jesus’ ascension is very comforting to us Christians. Yet Peter described it in such a way as to strike fear in the hearts of his audience. How did Peter do this?
5. Terrified sinners asked, “What shall we do?” (verse 37). Peter directed them to a wonderful gift, Baptism. What could they be certain Baptism would do for them?
6. Peter clearly assigned blame and guilt for the crucifixion of Christ to his audience. At the same time, he said that Jesus was handed over to them by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge. What comfort does this give Christians when it appears that the forces of evil are succeeding?

**The Christian family grows in faith and in numbers**

1. Read Acts 2:42-47. The early Christians devoted themselves to four things. Explain how each was important to their life of faith.
   * The apostles’ teaching
   * Fellowship
   * The breaking of bread
   * Prayer
2. While early Christians did not practice pure socialism (there was still private ownership—see Acts 4:32–35), what were they clearly eager and willing to do? Compare their congregational life to your own. In what practical ways might we reflect that early Christian spirit?
3. “Day by day, attending the temple together.” What benefits do you think this daily activity brought into Christians’ lives? How might we learn from their example?