

Acts 2:14-21
May 18, 2025



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What are some highs or lows you experienced this past week?
- What Scripture has been shaping you recently?
- Where have you seen God moving in your life this week?
- What did you hear in today's sermon OR read in today's passage that you would like to discuss?
- What did you learn about yourself in today's sermon/passage?
- What did you learn about God in today's sermon/passage?
- What convicted you as you listened to today's sermon OR read in today's passage?

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

On a Mission

Objective: Teams will work together to complete a fun scavenger hunt.

Preparation:

- Create and print a scavenger hunt featuring items commonly found in or around your youth area and church building.
- Ensure the list is long enough to make it challenging to find all the items within ten minutes.

Some ideas for your list:

- Find something red
- Find something round
- Find something unique
- Find something slimy
- Find a Bible
- Find a cross
- Find an offering plate
- Find a church sign

- Find a church staff member
- Find an instrument
- Find a steeple
- Find a classroom
- Find a water fountain
- Find a church van

Instructions:

- Place students into small groups of 2-3 members.
- Give each group a copy of the scavenger hunt list.
- Groups have ten minutes to locate as many items as they can from the list. After finding an item, they must take a picture of it. (If you prefer to not use phones, consider an alternate approach like noting specifically where they found the item so it can be checked.)
- At the end of the time limit, review the submissions by each team to verify their findings.

Winning:

- The team that successfully finds the most items within the ten minutes is the winner. Consider giving a small prize, like candy, to celebrate their success.

Teaching moment:

Today, we went on a mission to complete a scavenger hunt. In our text today, Peter pursued the mission Jesus gave His followers in Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:8: to go and make disciples by telling others about Jesus and showing them how to live like Him.

What have you learned so far in our study of Acts?

What happened in what we read last week?

DISCUSSION

 ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ ACTS 2:14-21.

Who did Peter address? What did he want to clarify as he began his message?

What was the value of Peter referencing Old Testament Scriptures?

What does the quoted prophecy in these verses say about the coming of the Holy Spirit?

What results did Joel say the Holy Spirit will bring?

What does this teach us about the Holy Spirit?

What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord?

Who is this invitation for?

What did this mean for Peter's audience then? What does this mean for us?

GOING DEEPER

Peter referenced the Old Testament because his audience was so familiar with it. What is something those around you are familiar with that might be a bridge to sharing Jesus with them?

Why is it important that we look for faithful ways of sharing the gospel like this as we interact with different people?

APPLICATION

What do we learn about God from today's passage?

What can we learn from Peter's sermon about how to share the gospel effectively?

What is one way you could seek to share the good news with others this week?

PRAYER

Thank God for the truth found in Scripture. Thank God for making a way for everyone who calls on His name to receive His gift of salvation. Ask Him for help acting as His witnesses in the world.

LOOKING AHEAD

Encourage your group to look ahead as we continue the series on Acts next week.

May 25, 2025 --- Acts 2:22-36

COMMENTARY

Acts 2:14-21

2:14–15 Acts is primarily a narrative punctuated by numerous speeches. Most of the speeches are summaries rather than word-for-word accounts. Just as he did in the Gospel that bears his name, Luke relied on “the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word” to report the essentials of speeches and events for which he was not present (Lk 1:2).

2:16–21 In his reply to the jeering crowd (v. 13), Peter cited three OT passages to demonstrate the biblical basis for the events of Pentecost. The first passage he cited was from Joel 2:28–32. The quotation follows the Masoretic Text version almost verbatim. Peter identified Joel’s prophecy with the last days and said those days had now arrived with the coming of the Spirit. There may also yet be a future, ultimate fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy.