



Confident and committed

We continue our series looking at the 'the Acts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit'

Luke has carefully established the themes of the book by the time we get to chapter 2, recapping events covered in his gospel but with a particular emphasis and showing the importance of the believers being ready for what was about to unfold.

Start with prayer and then read all of Acts chapter 2v1-13

V1-4 What are all the different elements of what takes place?

What might the symbolism / significance of each of these be?

Read Exodus 19:16-23

How might this previous 'gather and wait for the LORD' story form some of the backdrop to Pentecost? (This Sinai story was already a part of the Harvest celebration of Pentecost because it was commemorated 50 days after Passover).

Given that the fire made people tremble at the foot of the mountain, how does this contrast with what happens at Pentecost?

Read Luke 3:16

How is the coming of the Holy Spirit described in this promise made by John the Baptist?

Back to Acts 2 - what might be the significance of what Luke records in v5?

V11 what does the coming of the Holy Spirit enable? (how is this linked to Acts 1 v8?)

Apply

How do the themes of power, purity and proclamation in this passage challenge you?

Maybe spend some time in prayer giving thanks for those who faithfully passed on apostolic teaching about Jesus to you.

Pray for opportunities to play a part in this yourself.