

Discussion Questions for Acts 2:1-13

1. Read Acts 1:5, Acts 2:1-4, and Acts 22:16. Compare and contrast water baptism with the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
2. Have you been baptized with water? If you were baptized as an adult why did you choose this and what were the results? If you were baptized as a child, do you agree with the baptismal vows that your parents or guardians made for you? What could you do to reaffirm these vows?
3. Read Acts 2:1-11. During the baptism of the Holy Spirit, what was the purpose of the Holy Spirit giving the manifestation of "speaking in tongues" to Jesus' disciples? Is this a necessary component of being baptized with the Holy Spirit, or just one way that this type of baptism could occur? Why do you think this?
4. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Consider the extreme example of the disciples' gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, as well as the more ordinary gifts of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians. Do you think you have been baptized with the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?
5. Read Acts 2:12-13. Have you ever witnessed an event that you knew should be impossible? Do you think that it may have been the Holy Spirit working? Why or why not?
6. Have you ever witnessed Christians having strange behavior that they claimed was the Holy Spirit, but you thought was something else? How could you determine the truth? If the truth is impossible to determine, what should you do?