

**Focus passage: Acts 2:1-13**

**1** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**5** Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. **6** And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. **7** And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, **11** both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." **12** And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

*What stands out to you from this passage?*

*According to Acts 1:15, the number of disciples was about 120. What does it say to you that each received the Holy Spirit?*

*What assurances do we have because of the Spirit? **Read Eph 1:11-14, Rom 8:9-11.***

*The Spirit's work was not only to give tongues to speak, but ears to hear to the peoples of many nations that gathered around. What does that say about the intended audience of the gospel? Is Jesus Christ for one people only?*

*What reactions did the people have to the disciples? Are we prepared for ridicule as well as positive reactions?*

*Do you believe that you have something worthwhile to say that the world needs to hear? Is the gospel something you believe is worth sharing?*

*If you don't feel prepared to share the gospel, what steps can you take to equip yourself?*

*How can you apply this Scripture to your life?*

