

Equipped for Witness  
Acts 2:1-21

Review:

1. Everyone is equipped with the Person and power of the Holy Spirit, albeit in different ways
2. Everyone needs to hear the good news of Jesus in ways they can understand
3. Everyone needs to hear the good news because the Day of the Lord is coming

Go Further: Read Joel 1:4-15 and 2:12-32

1. In 1:4, what is the particular plague God has sent on the land?
2. In 1:7, what does Joel say this plague will destroy?
3. In 1:11, whom does Joel say will mourn because of this destruction?
4. In 1:13, what does Joel say is the appropriate emotional reaction to this devastation?
5. In 1:14, what actions does Joel suggest that the people take in response to this plague?
6. In 1:15, Joel compares this plague to the "Day of the Lord." How do you think such catastrophes that happen throughout human history point to God's final judgment at the end of time?
7. In 2:12-13, what does Joel urge His people to do in the face of the Day of the Lord?
8. In 2:13-14, why does Joel have hope that God will answer His people's prayers? How does knowing this about God encourage you to pray in difficult times?
9. In 2:14, what does Joel say is the main reason that God would leave His people some food? What does this say about how we should order our own priorities?
10. In 2:15-17, who does Joel say should participate in a time of prayer and repentance?
11. What two reasons does the prayer offered in 2:17 give for why God should rescue His people? How will such rescue benefit God as well as God's people?
12. In 2:19, what does God promise to give His people?
13. In 2:20, what does God promise to do to His people's enemies?
14. In 2:22-25, what material blessings does God promise to give to His people?
15. How does God say the people should respond to His deliverance in 2:26?
16. In 2:27, what does God say that His deliverance should prove to His people?
17. In 2:28, what spiritual blessing does God say that He will pour out on His people?
18. In 2:28 and 29, who is to be included in this blessing?
19. In 2:30-31, what does Joel say will be the signs of the Day of the Lord?
20. In 2:32, how does Joel say people can be saved on the Day of the Lord? How is that similar to his advice concerning the plague of locusts?
21. Where does Joel say God's deliverance will take place? Given the location of Christ's death and resurrection, why do you think this is significant?

Apply:

1. What sorts of devastating things are happening in your personal life today? What do you think are the most serious problems facing our society?
2. How have difficult times in your past helped you to see areas of your life in need of repentance? How do you think the Lord is calling all of us to repentance today?
3. What comfort do you find in the promises Joel makes to those who repent and trust in God?
4. How can we pray in a more God-centered way about the problems in our lives and in our world?