



Aldrich Church Small Group Curriculum,
Fall 2011
Week 2: Pentecost

Read Acts 1:15-26

- *Why do you think it was necessary to replace Judas in the twelve apostles?*
- *What are the qualifications for being an apostle?*

Read Acts 2:1-13

- *Why do you think God caused the apostles to hear a loud noise and see something like fire upon their heads? What is the purpose of these phenomena?*
- *There are some who hear the disciple's message and perceive it to be miraculous because they hear their own language. But according to 2:13, others did not find this scene to be miraculous. Why do you think some were unable to perceive the miracle? (Hint...consider the local's experience and the foreigner's experience.)*
- *Why do we (generally) not share this same kind of outward miracle when we become Christians today? Is our experience of God's Spirit to be parallel to the experiences in the book of Acts? Why or why not?*
- *Have a few people share their own experience of God's Spirit. Have one person write down any questions that people have about the Holy Spirit and the Christian Life so that you can consider them over the course of the study.*

Read Acts 2:14-21

- *Does it surprise you that Peter says the Joel passage was fulfilled?*
- *What about "the sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood"?*
- *What does this tell us about how Old Testament passages are to be read and interpreted?*

Read Acts 2:22-41

- *According to Peter, was Jesus death the result of God's sovereignty or human sinfulness? (See 2:23-24)*
- *What is Peter's point in comparing Jesus to David in vv. 25-36? What is he trying to prove here?*
- *Looking at the huge response to this message, do you think we should see people turning to Jesus in similar numbers today? What caused them to repent and be baptized?*