

3Thirds Discipleship Training Tools

Disciple Multiplication Movement (DMM)

The Acts 2 Case Study Model

Main Idea: Lead the potential convert through Acts 2 as an evangelistic tool.

Why use Acts 2?

- First case of conversion and the beginning of the Church.
- Most successful evangelistic outreach in the Bible.
- It's a complete record of what was done and taught and the response.
- It's the most detailed conversion account in Scripture.
- It's psychologically sound.
- Walter Scott, one of the founders of the Christian Church, used this method of evangelism and converted 1,000 people a year for 30 consecutive years.

Work section by section through the Chapter:

Read Vs. 1-13 Introduction - the background: The Day of Pentecost.

Briefly explain that: One of the 3 big important Jewish holidays. The Law required all men to travel to Jerusalem. Because Jews had been scattered there were Jews there from all over the world. Hence, there was a language problem. The Holy Spirit solved that problem with the supernatural gift of speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues gave the listeners the ability to understand what the Apostles were saying in their own language (Acts 2:11).

Point out that God wants everyone to understand this message.

V. 13 Even when God is doing something amazing, there are folks around who will mock and ridicule it. In spite of the obvious presence of the miraculous.

Read Vs. 14-24

Vs. 22 says Jesus was a man accredited by God with miraculous signs and wonders. You can name the ones you remember: heal the sick, raise the dead, walk on water, feed thousands of people with just loaves of fish and bread.

Do you believe in the miracles that God enabled Jesus to do?

Does it make sense that if a man could do those things it would show that he is the Son of God?

Vs. 23 Do you believe that although Jesus never sinned or did anything illegal, he was unjustly put to death on a cross?

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Vs. 24 Do you believe that God raised him from the dead?

Read Vs. 25-31

Vs 25-31 Does it make sense that the fact that David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah one thousand years before it happened shows that it was a prophecy from God?

Read Vs. 32

Vs. 32 Do you believe that the Apostles are witnesses of Jesus resurrected? Or do you think they are lying? And have sacrificed their health, reputation and financial security to die a martyr's death for a lie?

Read Vs. 33-36

Vs 33-36 "whom you crucified" Do you believe that Jesus also died for your sins? Do you understand that it was our sins that have put Him to death?

Vs 37 The people were cut to the heart and asked "brothers what shall we do?" Does it cut you to the heart to know that an innocent man died for you? Would you, like them, also like to know what you should do about that?

Vs. 38 The Holy Spirit tells you what you should do... "repent and be baptized."

It's helpful to point out what they receive for doing this: forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit and by implication eternal life.

Vs 39-41 If the listener is in agreement to all: They were baptized "that day". Would you like to be baptized?

Further texts on Baptism:

Rom 6:1 – 7

1 Peter 3:18 – 21

Col 2:9-13

Gal 3:25-29

Matt 3:13-17