



Hill Cliffe Study Guide
The First Church
#1 The Work of the Spirit
Sunday 26 May 2024

1. What impacted you most from the Sermon on Sunday?

Please read Acts 1.8-9; Acts 2.1-18

*The presence or absence of visions in Israel became a gauge of the nation's spiritual condition. When Israel was unfaithful, we read in Lamentations 2.8 "...her prophets no longer found visions from the LORD". In 1 Sam. 3:1 we read, "The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions." But the Lord promised through His prophet Joel that there was coming a day in which dreams and visions would be restored to God's people. Peter quotes from Joel in **Acts 2.17-18**.*

2. You can never be too old or too young to see a vision - or dream a dream – or receive a prophesy from the Spirit – to enable the spreading of the gospel of Jesus.
What does that mean for how we should be attentive to the Spirit's leading of His people?

*We Often associate dreams, visions and prophesy with God speaking to Jesus' disciples for their own encouragement – and to bless the church family. And God he does use these forms of revelation to speak with us for those purposes (**See Acts 11.27-30**). But, here in Acts the primary focus is on the use of dreams, visions, and prophesy for the purpose of the Spirit's leading of Jesus' disciples in their mission in the non-believing world.*

Let's explore how that plays out in Acts.

3. Please read Acts 9.9-17 – Ananias and Saul

- a. How does the Holy Spirit lead Jesus' disciple?
- b. How did Jesus' disciple receive and respond to this revelation from God?
- c. What is the 'Kairos' moment (from the ancient Greek, a critical moment for change) here?
- d. And how have you / people in your group been led by the Spirit in a similar way?

4. Please read Acts 16.9-10 – Paul and people of Macedonia

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5. Please read Acts 18.9-11 – Paul and the people of Corinth

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For further study – here's some links to previous Hill Cliffe videos on the following topics...

The Gift of Tongues – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyS6TXHzKHA>

The Holy Spirit - Series starts <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6jBvd3XixY>