

Acts 2:25-47 Study Guide

Background: In your previous study guide of **Acts 2**, you walked through the **first 24 verses** of chapter 2. The time is Pentecost, also known as Feast of Weeks or Feast of Harvest. It occurs 50 days after the Passover celebration. The location is Jerusalem. According to **Acts 1:3**, Jesus spent 40 days teaching, after His resurrection from the dead, and showing tangible proof of His resurrected body to His disciples. As all of them were together praying in the place that Jesus had told them to be, a sound of a wind comes and they are filled with the knowledge of God in languages beyond the Hebrew and the Aramaic that God's Word had been spoken in previously. This is a sign of judgement on Israel that no longer would they be the only ones who will be God's agent to bring knowledge of God to the world. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (**Matthew 23:37**) The gentiles, us, are the "other sheep" that Jesus must bring in. (**John 10:16**). The church is begins to be built through Jesus' eye-witnesses. Peter raises up to explain the beginning of the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy as well as showing how Jesus Christ, the very One they just killed 50 days before this, was their Messiah. Peter will continue to show these "devout Jews" through Old Testament Scriptures how Jesus is the Son of God and is their only Hope of Salvation.

Scriptures in Study Guide:

Scriptures this week are in the CSB (Christian Standard Bible). To make things easier, the actual verses will be included in your daily lessons to help you with the missing words. If you have any questions, write them down and we can talk about them in Sunday School.

Day 1 (Acts 2:25-28)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

25 For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me; because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. **26** Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices. Moreover, my flesh will rest in hope, **27** because you will not abandon me in Hades or allow your holy one to see decay. **28** You have revealed the paths of life to me; you will fill me with gladness in your presence.

Verse 25:

- For _____ says of him: I _____ the Lord ever before me; because he is at my _____ hand, I will not be _____.
 - **Questions:**
 - Who did David see "ever before" him? _____
 - Because the Lord is at David's right hand, what will David not be? _____
- *shaken" means that he will not be overcome with despair; he won't fret. He knows God controls his future.
- Write out **Isaiah 41:10** - _____

Verse 26-27:

- Therefore ___ heart is glad and my _____ rejoices. Moreover, my flesh will _____ in hope,
- _____ you will not abandon _____ in Hades or _____ your holy one to see _____.
- **Questions:**
 - Therefore, since God controls his life, what will his heart and tongue do? _____
 - Moreover (or "even more"), what will his flesh (this is his human life) rest in? _____
 - Why can he, in this earthly life, rest in hope? Because:
 - God will _____ David in _____.
 - God will not allow His holy _____.
- Write out **Hebrews 11:1** - _____

- Write out **1 John 5:4** - _____

Verse 28:

- You have _____ the paths of _____ to me; you will _____ me with _____ in your presence.
- **Question** - as God has revealed the paths of life, what does He fill us with? _____
- Write out **John 14:6** _____

Day 2 (Acts 2:29-32)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

29 “Brothers and sisters, I can confidently speak to you about the patriarch David: He is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne. **31** Seeing what was to come, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah: He was not abandoned in Hades, and his flesh did not experience decay. **32** “God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this.

Verse 29:

- “Brothers _____ sisters, I can _____ speak to you _____ the patriarch David: He is _____ dead and buried, and his _____ is with us to _____ day.
- **Questions:**
 - Who can Peter, in the continuation of his sermon to these devout Jews, confidently speak about?

 - What does Peter say about their “patriarch David”? _____

Verse 30:

- _____ he was a prophet, he _____ that God had _____ an oath to him to _____ one of his _____ on his throne.
- **Questions:**
 - What does Peter say that David was? _____
 - As a prophet, what did David speak about what God had sworn to him? _____

Verse 31:

- Seeing _____ was to come, he _____ concerning the _____ of the Messiah: He was _____ abandoned in Hades, and his flesh did not _____ decay.
- **Question:** - Since David was “seeing what was to come”, what did David speak concerning the resurrection of the Messiah? _____ and _____

Verse 32:

- “God has _____ this Jesus; we are _____ - witnesses of this.
- **Questions:**
 - Who raised “this Jesus” from the dead? _____
 - Since the “we” in this includes Peter and the other disciples of Jesus, what does he say they all are?
_____.
 - What do you think “this” is referring to? (Hint: **Acts 3:31**; what David saw coming) _____

Day 3 (Acts 2:33-36)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

33 Therefore, since he has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, he has poured out what you both see and hear. **34** For it was not David who ascended into the heavens, but he himself says: The Lord declared to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand **35** until I make your enemies your footstool.' **36** "Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

Verse 33:

• Therefore, _____ he has been _____ to the _____ hand of God and has _____ from the Father the _____ Holy Spirit, he has _____ out what you _____ see and hear.

• **Questions:**

• Let's dive into why the "Therefore" is there for?

• Since Jesus has been exalted where? _____

• Write out **Hebrews 12:2**: _____

• And Jesus has received Who that the Father promised? _____

• Write out **John 16:7**: _____

• Who has been poured out (that they both see and hear)? _____

• Write out **John 20:22**: _____

***Note** - In **Acts 2**, these devout Jews have "seen" the tongues of fire and "heard" them magnifying God in their own native languages instead of only Hebrew and Aramaic.

Verse 34-35:

• For it was _____ David who _____ into the heavens, but he _____ says: The Lord declared _____ my Lord, 'Sit at _____ right hand

• until I _____ your enemies your _____."

• **Questions:**

• What did the patriarch David not do? _____

• What did the patriarch David, himself, say? _____

***Note:** only God has the authority to declare Who sits at His right hand. This is Father God (1st in the Triune) saying to Jesus, the Son of God (2nd in the Triune) to "Sit at my right hand"

• How long will Jesus, the Son of God, sit at His Father's right hand? (**See verse 35**)

_____.

Verse 36:

• "Therefore _____ all the house of _____ know with _____ that God has made this _____, whom _____ crucified, both Lord _____ Messiah."

• **Question:** Since Peter has shown that the patriarch David was not talking about himself when he said "sit at My right hand until I make your enemies your footstool", what can all the house of Israel know with certainty?

_____.

• Write out **Isaiah 45:22-23**: _____

_____.

• Write out **1 Corinthians 15:23-26**: _____

_____.

_____.

Day 4 (Acts 2:37-41)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

37 When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” **38** Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” **40** With many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, “Be saved from this corrupt generation!” **41** So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them

Verse 37:

- _____ they heard this, they were _____ to the heart and said to Peter _____ the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, _____ should we do?”
- **Question:** What did these devout Jews ask once they heard the truth that they crucified their Lord and Messiah? _____

***Note:** “pierced to the heart” (Greek word, Katanussomai) means being struck with sharp pain and emotional distress; heavy conviction of their sin.

Verse 38:

- Peter _____, “Repent and be _____, each of you, in the _____ - of Jesus Christ for the _____ of your sins, and you will _____ the gift of the Holy _____.

Questions:

- How did Peter reply to their question of “what should we do?” (They couldn’t undo what they did)?

- In Whose Name would they be baptized? _____
- What would they receive of their sins? _____
- What gift would they receive? _____

***Note:** the Holy Spirit is the 3rd in the Triune. This is the power of God that lives within every believer from the moment of conversion.

Verse 39:

- For the promise _____ for you and _____ your children, and for all who are _____ off, as many as the Lord our _____ - will call.”

Questions:

- Who are the promise for? _____
- How many will this promise include? “ as many as _____
- Who calls those who will receive this promise? _____
- Write out **John 14:26** - _____

Verse 40:

- With many _____ words he testified and _____ urged them, saying, “Be _____ from this _____ generation!”
- **Question** - what did Peter testify and strongly urge them with many other? _____
- Write out **Acts 4:12** _____

Verse 41:

- So those who _____ his message were _____, and that day _____ three thousand people were added to them

Questions:

- What happened to those who accepted Peter’s message (of Jesus being the Jews’ Messiah)?

- How many were added to Peter and the rest of those who believed in Jesus as the Messiah? _____

Day 5 (Acts 2:42-47)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.

44 Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. **45** They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts,

47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Verse 42:

- They devoted _____ to the apostles' _____, to the fellowship, to the _____ of bread, _____ to prayer.
- **Question:** What did they, who were baptized, devote themselves to? _____ and _____

This is when the church began to be physically built with believers in Jesus, as the Son of God.

Acts 2:42 is an outline of what the church (the body of Christ) follows today.

- **Apostles teachings** - this is the New Testament that was written down by them as Jesus taught them throughout those 3 1/2 years and then during those 40 days in **Acts 1**.
- **Fellowship** - this is our gathering together (congregational and in smaller groups)
- **Breaking of the bread** - Communion
- **Prayer** - corporately, small groups and individually (all of these)

Verse 43:

- Everyone was filled with awe, and _____ wonders and _____ were being performed _____ the apostles.
- Questions:
- Why was everyone filled with awe? _____
- Write out **Acts 4:13** _____
- **According to Acts 4:13**, who were Peter and John noted to have been with? _____
- These "wonders" and "signs" pointed to Who the apostles represented; which is Jesus. At this time, the church was being built. These verified the apostles' authentic right to be Christ's mouthpiece as they were sent out (as well as eventually some of them writing what we now know as the New Testament). Wonders and signs are not God and shouldn't be sought in that way. They, instead, point to the truth of God -that He is Who He says He is.

Verse 44+45:

- Now _____ the believers _____ together and held all _____ in common.
- They _____ their possessions and property and _____ the proceeds to all, as _____ had need.

Verse 46-47:

- _____ day they devoted themselves to _____ together in the _____, and broke bread from house to _____.
- They ate their _____ with joyful and _____ hearts,
- _____ God and enjoying the favor of _____ the people.
- Every _____ the Lord _____ to their number _____ who were being _____
- **Questions** (review **verses 42-47** to answer):
 - What word is repeated in **verses 42** and **46**? _____
 - What does it mean to be "devoted" to something? _____
 - As we look at **verses 42-47**, we note that there was unity by the words, "they", "everyone", "all", "their", "together". What happened because they intentionally devoted themselves to God together (**hint:** answer is in the last sentence, **verse 47**)? _____