

THE Story

Lesson 21 Chapter 28 New Beginnings(Pt 1) p.390-397

1. What is your experience with learning and speaking a foreign language?
2. Why do you think it was appropriate for God to send His Holy Spirit on Pentecost? (page 390-391) Check out Exodus 23:16, Leviticus 23:15-16 and Deuteronomy 16:9-10.
3. What seems to be the purpose of the Holy Spirit's gift of tongues?
4. What was the reaction of the disciples, the crowd and the mockers to the coming of the Holy Spirit? (p.391)
5. How and why do you think Peter seized this moment to point the crowd to Jesus?

What brought about the change in Peter from that night in the courtyard when he denied the Lord three times?

6. What effect did Peter's sermon have on his listeners? (p. 392)

In Peter's reply, what is the first, essential action?

How does this promise apply to us today?

7. The bottom paragraph on page 392 describes the relationships of "those who were being saved."

The middle paragraph on page 395 also describes the relationships of believers who were "one in heart and mind." What are some practical ways believers can show their love and care for one another today?

8. In your own words describe the setting of the miracle recorded from the bottom of page 392 to the middle of page 393.

In addressing the witnesses of this miracle, how did he seek to get their attention about what they had done to Jesus?

9. Pages 394-397 (from Acts 4 & 5) describe the courage of Peter and John and the other Apostles to keep speaking about Jesus. What's significant about the statement at the bottom of page 394, "they took note that these men had been with Jesus"?

10. After an angel released the Apostles from jail (top of page 396), the religious leaders were furious and ready to kill them. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel ("recompense of God") intervened (top of page 397). How would you summarize his warning to the Sanhedrin?

In response to Gamaliel's advice, what did the Sanhedrin do to the apostles?

What was the amazing response of Apostles?

Check out Matthew 5:10-12; I Peter 3:14-17, 4:12-13 and James 1:2-4 for their comments on trials and persecution.

11. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace