

THE PASTOR'S *ESSENTIALS*®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

¹³ "ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE. FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND BROAD IS THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ENTER THROUGH IT. ¹⁴ BUT SMALL IS THE GATE AND NARROW THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE, AND ONLY A FEW FIND IT.
MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

Acts of the Apostles A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION TWO

Acts 2:1-41

Questions for Session Two

1. Describe the scene at Pentecost when the disciples were gathered in one place. What were the three major signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit?

2. What was the significance of each one of the three ways in which the Holy Spirit came upon them?

3. What are some other names for the third Person of the Trinity? Why was the Spirit sent from heaven? What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives today?

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4. How did Peter explain the phenomenon of the presence of the Holy Spirit? On what Old Testament Scripture did Peter base his explanation?

5. Explain the area of *Christian apologetics*. What is it? What does it consist of? How does this dovetail with part one (vv. 14-21) of Peter's sermon at Pentecost? Explain *kerygma*? What is it in light of part two (vv. 22-36) of Peter's sermon?

6. Peter called for the question in part three of his sermon in v. 37? How do we call for the question in the twenty-first century as we share the Good News with others?

7. What were the promises in the fourth part of Peter's sermon? How could one be assured of these promises? How can we be assured of the same promises today?

8. What did Peter call the people to do referring to question six, and what did the people do in response to Peter's call to action?

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