Sermon Date: August 11, 2013
An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles - Acts 2:1-13

1. Doug commented that the verse "when the day of Pentecost had come…" (Acts 2:1) could be almost translated as "It was fulfilled." What does he mean by that? (See Acts 1:6-8)

2. Read Acts 2:2. Describe what that must have looked like as if you were there at that very moment.

3. What is the significance of people from all over the Mediterranean region hearing the disciples speak in their own native languages?

    a. Doug taught, "For one brief moment of time, the divisions of humanity expressed through language ceased." Read Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2:4-12 as a contrast on the significance of God's actions.

4. In Acts 2:5 we are told those present at Pentecost were "Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven." Doug reminded us of an extremely important point, *"Sometimes as Christians we have a mistaken notion that Jews are being grafted into the Gentile church … as if God is somehow for now not in love with, not focused on or is not reaching the Jews. There is nothing further from the truth. God is PULLING OFF His promise to Abraham.*" Read Genesis 12:2-3 "…I will make you a great nation…"…And in you *all* the families of earth will be blessed" and weave together with Romans 1:16, 11:1, 11-24, then tie in Galatians 3:28-29. Why is it so important for us to understand this?

5. There was obvious amazement and wonder for those present at Pentecost (Acts 2:12-13). Doug asked us, “do we have eyes to see and ears to hear the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives? How about in the lives of those around us? What would it look like for you to “have eyes to see and ears to hear”?

6. What has the Spirit done in our midst recently that has grabbed the attention of others? If not much, why is that so?