

# Small Group Questions

## Acts 2:14-41

**This week's small group questions focus on Peter's sermon at Pentecost. While we may never 'preach' to a crowd of people, as Christians we will all have opportunities to share the good news of the Gospel with others.**

1. Look at verse 14. Compare the Peter of Acts 2 with the Peter of Matthew 26:69-75. What had changed in Peter and why?
2. In thinking about evangelism, Donald Whitney in his book, 'Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life,' says evangelism is a spiritual discipline, i.e., it is something that should be an intentional part of our lives. Do you agree? If so, how can we make evangelism an intentional part of our lives and also within our small group?
3. Look at verses 17-21. Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 in order to show that God's promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit has been fulfilled. Who is included in God's promise of salvation? How should verses 17-21 challenge our idea of who God can save?
4. In verse 23, Peter says Jesus was, 'delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God' but yet was crucified by men. How does this verse help us understand the mystery of God's sovereignty and our responsibility? What does this verse mean for how we should evangelise and pray?
5. Look at verse 24. How does this verse give a Christian an unshakable hope?
6. Peter quotes Psalm 16 in verses 25-28. If this psalm is ultimately about Jesus, how should this shape our reading and understanding of who the Bible is about? Share with one another a phrase from David's psalm that strikes you and why.
7. Verse 37 says after Peter's words they were 'cut to the heart.' Read Romans 10:14. How does verse 37 and Romans 10:14 address the idea that we should only let the Gospel speak through our actions? Why are our words so important in evangelism?
8. In verse 38 Peter says to the crowd what they are to do in response to his sermon. Why is 'repent' such an unpopular word today? Is repentance a one-time event? If not, how can we then build a life of daily repentance into our walk with Jesus?
9. In verse 40 Luke says 'And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them.' What does this tell us about evangelism? Is there ever a time when we should stop evangelising someone? Why or why not?

### **Prayer Points**

Take time to pray that as a church family we would continue to share the Gospel with others and pray for them. Pray that we would see many who are not Christians repent and believe in Jesus! Pray for one another as we share the Gospel with those we know. Pray for boldness through the power of the Holy Spirit.

