

# INVESTIGATING JESUS

## PART 4

## Session 4 - The Response

To begin this final time together, what have you heard that you want to discuss from John 15-21?

How would you describe a Christian - what are they like?

What makes somebody a Christian - what do they do?

In today's Bible reading Peter has been preaching to a crowd and explaining the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Here's what happens next.

Acts 2:37-47

**37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" **38** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptised every one 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, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." **41** So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**42** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common. **45** And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

1. Is there anything surprising or noteworthy from this story you want to begin to discuss?

2. In response to the question of v37 Peter tells the crowd 'repent and be baptised'. What do you understand those two things to refer to?

3. Often people are nervous about becoming a Christian because they think they'll not be able to 'keep it up'. What promise is in v38 that gives us confidence for this?

4. Who can become a Christian? (v39)

5. Once they have become followers of Jesus what three things mark out the life of a Christian in v42?

6. Do you think that what is recorded in v47 is still happening today? Maybe even now!?

7. What do you need to do as a consequence of all that has been discussed?