

Acts 2:14-41 Discussion Questions

- Peter addresses a group of men who don't understand what just happened at Pentecost. How does he address their accusations of drunkenness?
- How would you summarize Peter's sermon?
 - What Old Testament passages does he cite? Why did he choose them?
- How can we understand Joel's prophecy that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on "all flesh"?
- If Joel's prophecy refers to the "last days" (v. 17), how should that shape the way we think about the end times? (see Heb. 1:2)
- What does it mean that Jesus was "delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God"?
 - Does this in any way absolve the hearers of their guilt?
- Wesley said, "Something isn't false simply because it challenges what we thought was possible." What are some biblical claims people today tend to think are impossible? How would you respond?
- Peter pulls no punches in his sermon. He is clear and direct about the sin of his hearers. What implications might this have for our evangelism? For biblical teaching?
 - Why is it okay for his audience to admit they were wrong? What is the word for this?
 - Why is it so hard to admit when we have been in the wrong?

- How does the gospel free us from having to justify ourselves?
- Wesley said, “If Jesus really is Lord, then we don’t get to pick and choose which of his teachings to believe.” Which of Jesus’ teachings have you been tempted to sidestep? How has He helped you overcome that inner resistance?
- What is the danger of inventing a Jesus of our own imaginations?
- How does Jesus fulfill Psalm 16 in this passage?
- Peter’s hearers were “cut to the heart.” How does a faithful gospel message cut people to the heart? When was the first time this happened to you?
- Peter directs them to “repent and be baptized.” Why is baptism so important? What does it demonstrate?
- He also says they will receive the Holy Spirit. Why is this good news in addition to having our sins forgiven? What would life be like if we received forgiveness, but not the Spirit?
- What promise is Peter referring to in verse 38? Who is it for?
- Why do we need to hear this message continually?