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What Should We Do?

¹⁴Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel. ¹⁷'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike — and they will prophesy. ¹⁹And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below — blood and fire and clouds of smoke. ²⁰The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. ²¹But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' ²²"People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. ²³But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. ²⁴But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip. ²⁵King David said this about him: 'I see that the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. ²⁶No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope. ²⁷For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave. ²⁸You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.' ²⁹"Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn't referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. ³⁰But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David's own descendants would sit on his throne. ³¹David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave." ³²"God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. ³³Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today."

³⁴For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit in the place of honor at my right hand ³⁵until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.'" ³⁶"So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!" ³⁷Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." ⁴⁰Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" ⁴¹Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all."

Acts 2:14-41

What Does This Mean? Acts 2:12-36

What Should I Do? Acts 2:37-41

- _____ the _____ = Trust in Christ
- Be _____ in _____ = Show your Faith
- Be _____ to the _____ = Membership

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Trust in Jesus Christ today as my Lord and Savior for the first time
- Request information on how I can show my faith through baptism
- Request information on church membership
- Get the most out of today's teaching by attending my Life Group



Discussion Questions - Week #9

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "What Should We Do?", summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- In the message this weekend, we witnessed Peter's boldness in what could have been a scary situation. Share a time in your life when you needed to exhibit courage because of your situation?

- What is something in your life that you are afraid of that others might find silly?

- What is something you learned over this Spring quarter that you hope to keep before you this Summer?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Romans 8:1-17. What stands out to you in this passage?

According to this passage, what does the Spirit do?

What does it look like for you to live according to the Spirit?

How does it differ from living according to the flesh?

What do you think it means to set our minds on the things the Spirit desires, and more importantly, how do we do it?

2. In 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Paul describes the good news of the gospel and our responsibilities as its messengers. Read the passage together and share what part of this message is the best news to you and why?

If we're a new creation, as Paul suggests, why do we sometimes act according to our old desires?

Based on this passage, how would you describe the 'good news' to someone who hasn't heard it?

What steps can you take to fulfill your purpose and share the good news?

FOR PRACTICE

☞ Celebration is at the heart of Christianity. Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding. He gave us a meal served with wine to remember His death. We'll celebrate Christ's final victory with a wedding feast. Even the initial giving of the Holy Spirit fell on the harvest festival of Pentecost. Galatians 5 tells us that joy is a fruit of the Spirit and Nehemiah 8 tells us "the joy of the Lord is our strength." As we conclude our final week of Life Groups for the Spring, take time to celebrate the things God has done in your life as an individual, perhaps in your family or your Life Group.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for our Mission partners Bob & Val Hultslander at Commission on Compassion in Highland Park. Pray for fruitful ministry among their deaf/blind residents, particularly those who attend their deaf church and who do not yet know Jesus as Savior and Lord.