



Week of April 26, 2020

Acts 2:29-41 (NRSV)

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear.

³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,

³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.'"

³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. What was the biggest turnaround you have ever decided to make in your life?
- B. How good are you at receiving criticism? Delivering criticism?

Bible Study Questions:

1. What do you believe the Jewish people were expecting of the Messiah?
2. Peter is reading a lot into verses 34-35 where David says "The Lord said to my Lord..." How do you interpret that seemingly circular reference? In verse 35, how does the mention of making "your enemies your footstool" help Peter's argument?
3. In verse 36, Peter refers to "this Jesus whom you crucified." Yet this event happens on the day of Pentecost, when Jews from all over the known world have assembled. How do you think they heard the accusation that they crucified Jesus? Do you think we have collective responsibility for sin?
4. What do you think the word "repent" means? How do you practice repentance in your life?
5. When have you been "cut to the heart" by thinking about something you did?
6. Do you truly feel completely forgiven for all of your sins, or do some still haunt you? What could help you feel forgiven?
7. As you think about how your life will change going forward, what will you turn *toward* and what will you turn *away* from?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about being forgiven for your past and making changes for the future.