

Series: Re-Vision
Sermon: From Just Looking to Getting Started – Baptism
March 19, 2017

1. Did you fill out a March Madness Bracket? If so, how are you doing so far? Who did you pick to win it all?

2. What are some beliefs the Church has that society may have trouble believing?

3. Read Acts 2:1-41.

A. How do you think you would have taken Peter's message?

B. Does the people's response in verse 37 surprise you?

C. What stands out to you from this passage?

4. What do you think it would have been like to be a part of the early church when so many people were responding to the Good News?

5. Read Romans 4:25, 1 Corinthians 15:3, 2 Corinthians 5:21.

A. All of these verses state that "our" sin crucified Jesus? Did you know that your sin crucified Jesus?

B. How does it make you feel to know that your sin was the reason Jesus chose to go to the cross?

C. What is an appropriate response when you discover that you crucified your God?

6. In Acts 2:38, "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ of the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

A. About 3000 responded to Peter's message. Why do you think so many people responded?

B. Why do you think he mentions repentance, baptism, forgiveness of sins and receiving the Holy Spirit?

C. If Acts 2:38 is part of your faith story, why did you make that decision?

7. Does it surprise you that a church would have a goal of 90 baptisms in a year? How could you or your group participate in this goal?

8. Read Romans 6:4 and 1 Peter 3:21. What do these verses teach you about baptism?