



The Acts of the Spirit

Sermon Discussion Questions

ACTS 2:36-41 // THE RESPONSE

- When have you suddenly realized something that made a huge change in your life – or when did you ignore what people were telling you and end up in trouble?
- In verse 36, Peter shares insight into Jesus that changes everything for people. What does it mean that Jesus is *Lord*? In what ways do we tend to act like we're kings over our own little domains? How does acknowledging Jesus as Lord revolutionize your life?
- Pastor Jeff said *Christ* means not just the one chosen by God, but the meeting place of heaven and earth. In what ways do we tend to act like we are our own saviors, that we can justify and judge for ourselves? How does acknowledging Jesus is the Christ make a difference?
- Look at Acts 2:37. What does it mean to be cut to the heart? When have you been wounded by the truth? How is that an expression of God's love and mercy?
- What does Peter say (v. 38) to the question "What shall we do?" How is his answer another expression of God's kindness and love?
- Pastor Jeff said to repent means to have a change of mind that leads to a change of direction. When have you experienced that or seen that in others?
- Why does Peter tell them to be baptized? What does baptism mean?
- Faith in Jesus and repentance bring forgiveness (which baptism also pictures). Why do we sometimes struggle to believe that we really are fully forgiven because of Jesus' sacrifice? What would you say to someone who feels that way?

- What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is a “gift” to us (v. 38)? Why is his presence in our lives such a powerful and wonderful blessing?
- Have you come to the point where you’ve trusted Jesus as Lord and Christ and received his forgiveness and new life? If not, what’s holding you back? Who are you praying will come to know Jesus in a saving way?

