

DEVOTEMENT

A CALL TO...



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1. Read the whole of Peter's sermon together. What are the key ingredients of his message? Why, do you think, does Peter preach on these themes given all that's happened on the Day of Pentecost?
2. What additional issues do you think Peter might have covered given Luke's words in Acts 2:40? Discuss.
3. How is the structure of Peter's sermon a helpful (or not) model to share your faith to your non-Christian friends and family? He explains the strange happenings in the light of prophecy; proclaims the Gospel; then offers application.
4. What, do you think, are the ingredients of sound gospel proclamation?
5. How do your answers to Q4 compare to the ingredients Peter shared in his sermon where he spoke of Christ's life, death, resurrection and ascension? Why are each of these themes essential foundations of our Christian faith?
6. Verse 37 describes the response to Peter's sermon. What did people do? How would you describe what 'repentance' is to a non-Christian?
7. Why should acceptance of the Gospel, including repentance, precede baptism (i.e. believe then be baptised)?
8. How is baptism a helpful outward symbolism of an internal reality? In what ways does baptism paint a picture of the problem of sin alongside a proclamation of all that Jesus has achieved for us to deal with that sin?