

## The New Normal | Acts 2-14-47 2021 Spring Toolkit #5

Administration: Attendance is a good measure for the leader of who needs extra support. Keep a log and notice who has been missing, Give extra prayer and a phone call to listen and encourage.

Facilitating Tip: People have strong opinions and they may be correct, but how they are shared with the group can shut others down. Cut off the problem before it happens by having a conversation with this question: How can we create a safe place to share thoughts and let people learn at God's pace?

### My Story Questions

*These questions help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.*

- 1) Public speaking is scary. What is the largest group you have addressed, or scariest moment?
- 2) May is the month of graduation. Where did some of you graduate highschool or College? What did you study?

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

#### **Read Acts 2:14-21**

- 1) Who was standing with Peter as he preached? How could folks today stand with those who preach the word of God?
- 2) Describe the types of people on whom the Spirit is poured? What does the Spirit enable them to do(vs18)? When have you felt power to speak the truth of God to another?
- 4) Which verses in Joel's prophesy tell about coming judgement and how to be saved?

#### **Read Acts 2:22-41**

- 4) List several basic facts about Jesus that Peter included in his Gospel centered message.
- 5) Which of these facts is most compelling to you? Why
- 6)How do the words "Whom you crucified" apply just the same to you and me today(Rom 3:10,23)?
- 7) Tell of a time you have been "cut to the heart" by the scriptures. (see Heb 4:12)
- 8) What is promised to those who repent according to vs 38-39. Tell about a time when you became aware of these gifts?

#### **Read Acts 42-47**

- 9)List all the practices that resulted in the church when they were Spirit empowered.
- 10) Which practice would you most like God to grow in you?

### Responding to Jesus

*These questions are meant for personal reflection before your group prayer time.*

- 1) What Truth from this passage do you think God would have you apply to your life?
- 2) How will you ask your group to pray?

### Further Challenge

1. The "Day of the Lord" is a phrase used often in scripture to point to time of God's judgment. What time is foretold by these references Zech 14, 1 Corinthians 15:22-25, Rev 6:17.
- 2) How does the reference to Joel show we are now living in the Last Days?

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**Title: It's all about Jesus. Acts 14-47**

**Big Idea:** Being word dependent and Spirit empowered is how I follow Jesus today.

- The Word opens our eyes to Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit connects our lives to Jesus.
- The Result: A word dependent and Spirit empowered community following Jesus together.

**Next Steps:**

- Read Acts chapter 3 asking God: What truth do you want me to live out.
- Engage in our "Live it out together."