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Peter's Powerful Sermon, Part 3 **Acts 2:37-41**

I. Biblical Preaching Cuts to the Heart (v. 37)

A. Hearing the Gospel has an _____ on you (Acts 2:36; Joel 2:28-32; Psa. 16:8-11; 110:1)

B. Hearing the Gospel brings deep _____ (Matt. 27:24-25; Jn. 16:8; Rom. 3:10, 23; 6:23; Eph. 2:1)

C. Hearing the Gospel awakens your need to _____ (Jn. 15:15; Rom. 5:8-10; Jn. 3:16-21)

II. Biblical Preaching Clarifies How to Respond (v. 38)

A. You must _____ (Matt. 4:17; 3:2; Acts 3:19; 8:22; 17:30)

B. You must be _____ (Matt. 28:19-20; Mk. 1:9-10; Jn. 3:23; Acts 8:38-39)

C. You will _____ the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; 2:4; Jn. 14:26; 15:26)

III. Biblical Preaching Creates a Sense of Hope (vv. 39-41)

A. _____ can be saved (v. 39) [Rom. 9:4; Eph. 2:11-13; Rom. 10:13; Joel 2:32; Rom. 8:30]

B. _____ needs to listen to the preacher (v. 40) [Acts 4:20; 1 Jn. 1:3; Matt. 7:13; 12:39; Lk. 9:41]

C. _____ who received God's Word were baptized and added to the church (v. 41) [Acts 2:47; 4:4; 1 Pet. 2:4-5]

TAKE HOME

- Which part of Peter's message cut his listeners to the heart? Have you ever listened to a sermon that really got to you? What happened?
- What is biblical repentance? How do you live a life of repentance?
- How does Peter's message impact you today? Is there anything that needs to change in your life?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 2:37. What was it that the people heard that cut them to the heart? (Acts 2:36; Joel 2:28-32; Psa. 16:8-11, 110:1)

2. In what way does hearing the gospel preached bring deep conviction? (Matt. 27:24-25; Jn. 16:8; Rom. 3:10, 23, 6:23; Eph. 2:1) What is the most convicting sermon that you have ever heard?

3. What about the gospel message calls you to respond? Why do people respond positively and why do people respond negatively? (Jn. 15:15; Rom. 5:8-10; Jn. 3:16-21)

4. Read Acts 2:28. What is repentance? What does this look like in your life? Should repentance be a part of the gospel response? (Matt. 4:17; 3:2; Acts 3:19; 8:22, 17:30)

5. What is believer’s baptism? Why is this so important for a Christian to obey? (Matt. 28:19-20; Mk. 1:9-10; Jn. 3:23; Acts 8:38-39)

6. Read Acts 2:39. Who is the promise of salvation for? (Rom. 9:4; Eph. 2:11-13; Rom. 10:13; Joel 2:32; Rom. 8:30)

7. Read Acts 2:40. What does the word “crooked” mean? How can you save yourself from this type of generation? (Acts 4:20; 1 Jn. 1:3; Matt. 7:13; 12:39; Lk. 9:41)

8. Read Acts 2:41. What encourages you the most about this verse? (Acts 2:47; 4:4; 1 Pet. 2:4-5) Do you believe God can work in the same way in churches today?

9. Read the take home points. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Baptism itself is a summary of our faith. Baptism is a confession of sin and a picture of repentance. Baptism is a profession of faith in Christ. It reminds us of Christ’s humiliation and death as he identified with sinners... When rightly practiced, it distinguishes believers from unbelievers, the church from the world.”

- Mark Dever, *9 Marks of a Healthy Church*