



“Before we get lost in the weeds of Peter’s sermon at Pentecost, let’s take a 30,000’ level look at the overarching Gospel message of the sermon. Is it the same complete Gospel message Jesus preached? (Spoiler alert: It is). What does the Kingdom of Heaven look like now that the new Temple is God’s people, His presence lies within us? How do we share the Gospel of the Kingdom through our own experiences? What would our mini-sermon look like in light of our own experiences with the Holy Spirit?”

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

When we share the Gospel message with people, what are the important parts we have to make sure we don’t leave out?

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:36

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:14-36

“14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17 “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised

him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25 For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool." 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read Peter's sermon, what are the main points that he seems to be trying to get across?
2. How does Peter describe the Kingdom of Heaven, the New Temple in his sermon?
3. What are the most important parts of a Gospel presentation that we should make sure to include when/if we are to do it?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Take a moment and think about how you have experienced the Gospel. How has the truth of the Kingdom, of the new King, of the Spirit, changed your life?
2. What would your mini-sermon look like in light of your own experiences with the Spirit?
3. Pastor CJ gave some insight about how to tell our own stories in light of the Gospel, do you think this is something you will actually do? Why or why not?
4. In Acts 1:8, Jesus says that the Holy Spirit fills us in order to be His witnesses in this world. When is the last time you bore witness to Jesus and His Kingdom?
5. If you are nervous about sharing your story, why are you nervous? How can your group support and pray for you to be more bold in this endeavor? What are you afraid of?

CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.