



“When the Jewish audience that heard Peter’s sermon in their own tongues at Pentecost, they were cut to the heart. Their desire was to make right what they had done wrong. They saw and heard and believed the truth that they experienced through Peter’s sermon. “Brothers, what shall we do?” was their cry. What do we do? How can we, today, allow the truth of the Gospel cut us to the heart? How do we respond to this message of salvation, of the Kingdom?”

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

Who would you consider your favorite biblical hero? (Okay, after Jesus...)

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:38

“And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:37-41

“37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you notice about how the Jews respond to Peter?
2. How does Peter respond to the Jews? Why does he tell them to do these particular things?
3. What does Peter mean when he says, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Share when you were cut to the heart with the Gospel message. It may have been at conversion or throughout your life as you have grown in Him.
2. What is a proper response to the Gospel of the Kingdom?
3. Often the Gospel message has been relegated, in our modern culture, to something those who don't know Jesus need, but Paul saw it as foundational for followers of Christ (he wrote about it in nearly every letter to every church he wrote). How should the Gospel message impact how the follower of Jesus lives their day-to-day lives?

CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.