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FIRST ORLANDO GROUPS

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Connect Sunday
Main Text

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Acts 2

Discussion Questions

Belong: Icebreaker

What is the most-used app on your phone? What do you love about it? Do you use it every day? Does it make your life easier, more fun, or help you learn something?

Believe:

Read Acts 2:1-13

What significant moment is Acts chapter 2 documenting? What stands out or surprises you about this moment? How did the followers of Jesus Christ respond? How did non-believers interpret what was happening?

Read Acts 2:36

Peter boldly proclaims the Gospel to the people present. What does Peter remind the people of? How do you think they received his message?

Read Acts 2:37-41

Luke (the writer of Acts) describes the response in verse 37. Have your group read this verse in several different translations.

What do they ask Peter? How does Peter respond? Does he soften his message or continue speaking with more boldness?

Note: This is the same Peter who denied Jesus during his trial before His crucifixion. (Luke 22:54-62)

What changed in Peter? Why do you think he was able to boldly proclaim Christ now instead of denying Him as he did before?

“The truth of the gospel often confronts before it comforts. In this case, Peter confronts these people with their role in Jesus’ death and sin, to lovingly bring them into the very reason Jesus died. Which is **GRACE**. Peter is extending an OFFER of grace and forgiveness to the very people who participated in killing Jesus. **Grace beyond anything ever heard of!**” - Pastor Trey Hildebrant

Has there ever been a moment when the truth of the gospel challenged or convicted you before it brought you comfort? If you're comfortable sharing, when did God first make the gospel personal in your life?

In verse 37, the people ask Peter what they need to do. Peter once again speaks clearly.

- What does Peter tell them to do?
- What does it mean to repent?
- What does baptism represent?
- What promise does Peter give to those who do these things?
- What will happen in their families as a result of their faith?

What is the response of the people who were cut to the heart over Peter’s message? How many people were added to their numbers that day? (For perspective: our worship auditorium seats just over 4,000 people.)

Become:

Read Acts 2:42-47

What changed for these 3,000 people? How did their lives impact the people around them?

What words or themes do you notice repeated in these verses? (Note: together, fellowship, all common)

What would it look like for all of our First Orlando Campuses to truly be connected with one heart and one mission? How would this impact Central Florida?

“A person changed by Jesus lives to impact others.” Pastor Trey Hildebrant

Let’s dream about what impact could look like in each of our lives personally.

Where has God placed you or given you influence?

What opportunities might God be giving you over the next year to share the hope of Jesus? How can you trust Him to help you reach the people who are near to you, but far from God?

How can we pray for you as you boldly share the good news and live on mission?

Closing:

- Spend time praying together for one another and for the people God has placed in your sphere of influence. Pray for boldness like Peter, open hearts to receive the gospel, and opportunities to share the hope of Jesus.
- Today is a special **“Connected Sunday”**. All of our English-language campuses will be connected for the Sunday Message via livestream for one message. Pray for this and the exciting new things coming to First Orlando!
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