



TALK IT OVER GUIDE- All Are Invited

Ice Breaker

What's your favorite mystery or detective show, and what do you enjoy about watching someone solve a case?

Key Verses

- Acts 2:17-18
- Acts 2:36
- Acts 2:38
- Acts 2:42-47

Questions

- Peter quotes the prophet Joel about God pouring out His Spirit on all people. How does it make you feel knowing that the Holy Spirit is available to everyone regardless of age, gender, or social status?

- The sermon mentions how Peter went from denying Jesus to boldly proclaiming Him. How has the Holy Spirit given you courage in your faith journey?
- Peter presented four pieces of evidence about Jesus: His works, His crucifixion, His resurrection, and His exaltation. Which of these aspects of Jesus' story speaks to you most powerfully and why?
- Pastor Jason said, "Your relationship with Christ is personal, but it was never meant to be private." What's the difference between these two concepts, and how does this challenge you?
- What does it mean to be "cut to the heart" by God's truth? Can you share a time when you experienced this kind of conviction?
- The sermon describes repentance as "a crisis of unmaking" and "like hitting control, alt, delete on your soul." How does this description change or deepen your understanding of repentance?
- How do you respond when the Holy Spirit reveals an area in your life that needs to change? What makes it difficult to receive this kind of truth?
- The early church was characterized by learning, loving, and lauding (praising God). Which of these three areas do you feel most drawn to, and which might need more attention in your life?

Life Application

This week, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal an area of your life where you need transformation. Before you read your Bible each day, pray a simple prayer: "Holy Spirit, reveal truth to me." Then, take one specific action based on what God shows you. This might mean apologizing to someone, changing a habit, or sharing your faith with someone. Be prepared to share with the group next week how the Spirit led you and what happened when you responded.

Key Takeaways

- The Holy Spirit empowers ordinary, timid people to become bold witnesses for Christ, just as He transformed Peter from someone who denied Jesus to someone who proclaimed Him fearlessly.

- God's truth is meant to lead us to transformation, not just information. When we're "cut to the heart," the proper response is to ask, "What should I do?"
- Repentance isn't cleaning ourselves up before coming to God; it's what coming to Jesus looks like—turning toward Him and away from what opposes Him.
- The Holy Spirit doesn't discriminate but delegates—providing grace, gifts, and calling to all believers regardless of age, gender, or social status.
- The early church was built on three foundations that still matter today: learning (growing in knowledge), loving (caring for others), and lauding (praising God).

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit who empowers us to both speak and receive truth. Like Peter, transform us from people who might deny You in our weakness to people who boldly proclaim You through Your strength. Help us to be cut to the heart by Your Word and respond with genuine repentance. May we be a community that learns together, loves sacrificially, and consistently gives You praise. As we leave this place, fill us with Your Spirit anew so that our lives might be evidence of Your resurrection power. In Your mighty name we pray, amen.