

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of October 22

Sermon Titled: "How to Listen to a Sermon"

Main Points: A good sermon has the Word as its foundation (Sola Scriptura) and Christ as its center (Sola Christus). We listen to a sermon with the expectation of being transformed, not as a spectator or critic.

Open in Prayer. Read Acts 2:14-41.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 22:21-34, 54-62. What seemed to control Peter then and what seems to control Peter now in Acts 2:14-41? How would you explain Peter's transformation?
2. Peter stands up to the crowd as a witness (cf. Acts 1:8). Discuss the main points of his sermon (v.22, 23b, 24, and 33) and why each one is central to our Christian faith.
3. How would you describe the central message of Peter's sermon? How do you explain the people's response and what can we learn from it?

Application Questions

1. Discuss how technology and accessibility to sermons have helped grow the Church. How has such access also hindered maturity in our faith?
2. Why is it problematic if we attend corporate worship on Sunday as a spectator, critic or consumer of the sermon and service? How do you need to grow in the way you listen to a sermon?
3. Describe a time you were pierced by God's Word through a sermon. How did you respond and how were you transformed?

Prayer Focus: Pray for a renewed sense of awe at God's living and active Word. Pray to be more expectant of the Holy Spirit's power and work in your life and in our world.