

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of October 29
Sermon Titled: "Cut to the Heart"

Open in Prayer. Read Acts 2:37-41.

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss what it means to be 'cut to the heart' in verse 37.
2. "In Acts 2:38, repentance means a radical reorientation of life with respect to Jesus, expressing sorrow for having rejected the one accredited to God as Lord and Christ."¹
 - a. Discuss this definition of repentance as a group.
 - b. How is biblical repentance different than 'feeling sorry' or 'doing penance'?
3. Consider the way Peter proclaimed the gospel and his call to repent. How is this different than how many evangelicals share the gospel today? What can we learn from Peter?

Application Questions

1. Recount and share how God called you to himself. How did He save you?
2. What does it look like to take a stand against our generation in its rejection of Jesus Christ and his message? How is God calling you to bear witness courageously?
3. Who are people in your life that you want to pray for regularly that they may believe, repent and be baptized?

Prayer Focus: Thank God for His effectual call of salvation in your life. Praise Him for the gift of His Holy Spirit. Spend time praying for those you love who do not believe in Jesus and your role in their life.

¹ David G. Peterson, *Acts of the Apostles*, Pillar New Testament Commentary Series, 154