

Sermon Discussion Questions
The Church Jesus is Building: Week 2
Acts 2:1-41

*Here are some questions to discuss as you think about the message from **Acts 2:1-41***

1. What stands out to you about the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit and Peter's first sermon? What details make you think? What questions do you have?
2. Which of the "game-changing" effects of the Holy Spirit do you see in the account?
Think about each of the following:
 - Isolation to Connection
 - Confusion to Clarity
 - Excuses to Conviction
 - Doubt to ConfirmationWhich one applies to your life today most clearly?
3. Many in the audience hearing Peter are "cut to the heart." What did that mean for the audience then? What does that mean for you personally? In what ways have you been "cut to the heart"?
4. Last week we focused on replacing the uncertainty of the *when*, with the certainty of the *Who*. How does the Holy Spirit provide that?
5. Continue to think about our four action steps during this pandemic. How are you doing?
 - Pray.
 - Help someone who is hurting.
 - Invite someone who is on the fence.
 - Give generously.

If you would like to dig a little deeper, here are some more scriptures to read and questions to guide you.

1. Read each of the following Old Testament passages that Peter quotes.
 - **Joel 2:28-32**
 - **Psalms 16:8-11**How does the Holy Spirit fulfill these prophecies?
2. Think about the Old Testament concept of Pentecost (**Exodus 23, Numbers 28**), which is also known as the "Festival of Weeks" or "Festival of First Fruits." In what ways does Acts 2 fulfill or redefine such concepts as "harvest" and "first fruits"?

3. Read **Romans 8:15-16** and **1 John 4:7-21**. How does the Holy Spirit change our thinking about the future? What is the Holy Spirit teaching you in this season?