

The Book of Acts // Episode 4

## **Acts 2:14-40**

We all are called by Jesus to be a witness of Him in our world.

(1) Peter was aware of the stirring around him.

(2) Peter responded and step forward, he didn't start the conversation but engaged the conversation.

(3) Peter told the story of Jesus through the Scriptures they already knew.

The Gospel is an announcement of an event that is good for all people - Jesus has been raised from the dead and is enthroned in heaven!

The Gospel is the good new that God our Father, the Creator, out of His great love for us, has come to rescue us from sin, satan, death and hell, and to renew all things, in and through the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf, to establish His kingdom, through His people who participate in loyal allegiance in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is for God's great glory, and our profound joy.

**Peter's Summary: Jesus is both LORD and MESSIAH.**

The proper response to hearing the story of Jesus as Lord and Messiah who has been resurrected and enthroned is three-fold:

1. Repent toward God
2. Baptism
3. Receive the Holy Spirit

## **PRACTICING THE WAY**

*As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.*

**Start the Fresh Start Pathway with a friend.**

**Read the Gospel of Luke.**

**Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)**

- Read Acts 2:14-40. What do you notice within this passage?
- Have you ever been a “forceful” gospel-er ... or been on the receiving end of a high pressure gospel presentation?
- Peter was aware of the obvious stirring in the city and used that to present the gospel. Have you ever tried doing this? Was it easy? Hard? What were the results?
- Do you have a time in your life when your godly actions drew people to inquire about why you made that particular decision?
- How do you define “good news”?
- What are some intention things you can do to be a ‘witness’ of Jesus?