

Potential Discussion Questions

2-17-19 Message: Church on the Move - Fundamentals for Transformation (Acts 2:14-36)

1. Think about a person who has come to faith in Christ that shocked you. If you can't think of someone personally, consider the Apostle Paul. What are some reasons we are shocked when God works in a way that seems shocking or "impossible" to us?
2. For many people, conviction has a negative connotation. From a biblical perspective, why is conviction good? How has conviction positively impacted your life? Why are we prone to welcome conviction in others and resist it in/for ourselves?
3. Is there an area in your life where you feel conviction? Are you resisting or responding? Is this a good time to repent (turn, and go the other direction)? [You may want to share some of your responses, or maybe this is a spot for some quiet time between you and the Lord.]
4. When you first came to faith in Christ, what was your experience of repentance? How do you see and practice repentance now?
5. How do you cultivate the practice of healthy repentance? Where do you need to take it up a notch? Do you tend to see yourself as better than reality (not really needing to repent) or worse than reality (feeling a need to take on culpability you don't really own)? Why? What does this reveal about our relationship with God and the people around us?
6. How would you explain the significance of baptism to a believer in Jesus who has never been baptized? The connection between belief and baptism are very tight throughout the book of Acts. Why do you think a separation in timing has become more common? What are the effects, either good or bad, of that separation?
7. If you have never been baptized, what stands in the way of doing it soon?
8. People debate the concept of church membership these days. Do you think some kind of official connection is indicated when Luke says there were *added 3,000 people* (souls) that day? Why or why not? What do you see as the benefits of church membership? Why would people resist or argue against it?
9. What would you like to discuss that hasn't already been engaged in this study?
10. What do you want to keep thinking about or study further from this discussion?
11. What specific application will you make from this study? How can others pray for your application of this text?