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## WHAT SHALL WE DO? – ACTS 2:37-41

### GETTING STARTED

The Gospel is the good news that Jesus is both the Messiah and God himself, who came to live a perfect life, die on the cross for our sins and rose to give us eternal life. Though we have all sinned, and rejected and despised God, he loved us so much that he sent Jesus to pay the penalty for our sin. As Peter finishes his first sermon in Acts, his hearers beg him to share how they can have this amazing salvation that is found in Jesus! They have been cut to the heart and they recognize their deep need of a saviour. So Peter responds in simple, clear terms, Repent and be Baptized. These two simple instructions form the basis of how all of us are called to respond to this good news of Jesus! Repent of our sins and be baptized in obedience to Him.

### READ THE TEXT: ACTS 2:1-13

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



## UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

1. What is the significance of baptism in this text? How else does the Bible talk about baptism? (look at Romans 6:1-4)
2. Why were they “cut to the heart”? What does this tell us about the nature of repentance and faith?

## APPLY THE TEXT

3. If you told someone about Jesus and their response was, ‘What should I do?’ how would you respond in light of this text? How would you put it into your own words?
4. Do you believe that people you share the gospel with will repent and believe? Many of us will say yes to that question but then live like no one would ever believe the gospel. How can we begin to change that?
5. Have you been baptized? If yes, why did you decide to be baptized? If not, what is holding you back?

## SHARE & PRAY

1. As we study the book of Acts, think carefully about 1 or 2 people that you would like to actively share the gospel with. Share them with your life group and hold one another accountable in prayer and support.
2. In light of Acts 2:37-41, pray that God would cut us to the heart for our sins, that he would grant us repentance that leads to life and he would give us his Holy Spirit to follow Him.

