

It's a New Day Small Group Questions

Getting to know you question:

1. If you had to stand up and speak to a group for ten minutes, would you prefer to be well prepared or be impromptu? Why?

Sermon reflection questions:

2. What was the most compelling point from this week's sermon?

Into the Bible: Acts 2:14-41

This passage contains the inaugural sermon in the age of grace. Peter presents Jesus in a way the Jewish people had never seen him. But what prepared Peter for this moment?

3. How is the Peter of Acts 2 different from the Peter of only two months earlier, when he swore to stand with Jesus, but instead denied him three times? (Matthew 26:33-35 & 69-75)

4. What causes you to go silent? What gives you courage?

5. Since Peter didn't know he was going to give this sermon, it is doubtful that Peter prepared notes, etc. So how was he able to present such a powerful message? How was he able to remember the passages from the prophet Joel and the Psalms?

6. Acts 4:13. How long have you “been with Jesus?” Why does this qualify you to speak on his behalf?

7. Read Colossians 3:16. What are the most helpful ways you have found to fill your mind with God’s Word?

8. Consider Luke 21:13-15. How can you make sure you are ready for these “words and wisdom” that Jesus promised?

Who is this Jesus?

9. The people were looking for a Messiah—a Savior. He was expected to be a strong man (but just a man) who would save them from their oppressors. Jesus was all that, but also much more. What do you learn about Jesus in each of the following verses? What difference does each make to you?

Acts 2:22 -

Acts 2:23 -

Acts 2:24-32 -

Acts 2:33 -

Acts 2:36 -

10. In these verses, we see that he was more than a man—he is the promised Messiah (Savior) and Lord (Master) from Heaven. In what way is Jesus both Lord and Messiah to you?

11. Why were the people cut to the heart? (v. 37) What circumstances led you to open your heart to Jesus?

Application:

12. How can you open your life to Jesus as your Savior (Messiah) and your Lord (Master)