

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week October 6, 2013

**This Week's Focus:** Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, preaches the first Christian sermon.

**This Week's Text:** Acts 2:14-41

*Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." **Luke 24:44***

*You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me. **John 5:39***

*"God causes all things that happen, but that he does so in such a way that he somehow upholds our ability to make willing responsible choices, choices that have real and eternal results and for which we are held accountable. Exactly how God combines his providential control with our willing and significant choices, scripture does not explain to us. Rather than deny one aspect or the other we should accept both in attempt to be faithful to the teaching of all of scripture." **Wayne Grudem***

**Related Texts:** Hebrews 1:1-2; Romans 1:3-4, 6:4-5; 1 Corinthians 15:17-21; Colossians 2:13-15

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- How has God spoken to you regarding the sermon and/or text?
- What is the question Peter answers in verses 14-15? How is that significant for us to today when we are witnessing?
- Take a look at Peter throughout the different gospel accounts in Matthew 14:22-33 and Luke 22:54-62. How has Peter changed from then to now in chapter 2?
  - What is the reason for this change?
  - What can we learn from Peter's transformation?

- How does this reassure you about what God can do in your own life?
- When are the last days? Reference Hebrews 1:1-2.
- What is the connection between Joel's prophecy and Jesus?
- This is a gospel presentation: outline its basic points.
- What does Peter say about Jesus in verse 21? What problem does the crowd have with what Peter is saying?
- In verse 23 Peter says, "*this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.*"
  - How are we just as guilty for putting Christ on the cross as those Peter is talking to directly?
- One of the main themes of Peter's sermon is the resurrection of Jesus. Reference verses 24, 27, 31. Discuss the centrality and the importance of that fact.
- Why does Peter move on to David's prophecy in Psalm 16? How does it show that Jesus is the Messiah?
- In verses 32-33, Peter anticipates another objection, "Where is Jesus?" What is his response and what are the implications?
- Why does Peter now bring in Psalm 110? Reference Luke 2:34-35.
  - Who is speaking? To whom? About what?
  - What is Peter's conclusion and what does it say about the person and work of Christ? Reference verse 36.
- How does the crowd respond to Peter's sermon? Can you share a time when you experienced the same response?
- Verses 37-40 are a description of how to receive Christ. What are the basic points?
- What are some principles we can take from this passage in our efforts to be good and faithful missionaries?

### **Gospel Celebration:**

- Jesus is both Lord and Christ.
- The work of forgiveness is complete and the resurrection is its proof.
- All authority and power belong to Christ.

### **Prayer Focus:**

- Pray for opportunities to witness to others concerning the person and work of Jesus.

### **Next Week's Text:** Psalm 1