PREACHING THE ACTS OF GOD • ACTS 2:14-41

In Acts 2:14-41 we find the first Christian sermon recorded in the New Testament. The Apostle Peter offers an exposition that explains what Scripture says while also explaining what it means to his listeners. At the center of his message is the glorious gospel of Jesus. The sermon concludes with a clear and compelling invitation that teaches us that the good news also demands a response from every heart. We will look at the sermon under three headings: 1. An Exposition of Scripture, 2. A Proclamation of Christ, 3. An Invitation to Respond.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. As a group, read Luke 4:16-22. What was the crowd's initial response to Jesus' sermon? Now compare that with this week's sermon text. How are the two passages similar?
- 2. What are the three Old Testament texts that Peter quotes in his sermon from Acts 2:14-41? What is significant about these passages?
- 3. What impact does Peter's exposition (sermon) have for our evangelism today? In other words, how does the way Peter shares the gospel shape the way we should share the gospel?
- 4. What are the four facts, listed by Matt, that Peter preached in his message? And what is the crowd's response to Peter's message about Jesus? What are the two steps that Matt listed from the text?
- 5. Shaping question: What have you done with Jesus Christ?

PRAY: Pray that The Trails Church would be led by the Spirit with tender and responsive hearts to God and His word. Pray for those who might respond to the gospel this week, that they would repent of sin and trust in Jesus, and know the salvation of God.