

Wednesday

Read: Acts 2:25-28 *Peter quotes David*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Read Psalm 16. How does this Psalm relate to Peter's message?*
2. *Take a few moments to feel "full of gladness" in the presence of God.*

Prayer Focus We live in hope of life today and life forever with you and through you, Emmanuel. Teach us again to have the courage that can only come from knowing you are always with us.

Thursday

Read: Acts 2:29-30 *Scriptures are fulfilled in Christ*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why was it important for those listeners to remember that David was dead and buried?*
2. *What does it mean to you that Jesus was a descendant of David's line?*

Prayer Focus Jesus, your story began with creation and has carried on through the ages. We honor that legacy and cherish the truths that have been handed down to us as your people. Help us to live and share that truth.

Friday

Read: Acts 2:31-32 *Witnesses to resurrection*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is your witness statement about Jesus?*
2. *How might you share your witness with someone else this week?*

Prayer Focus For so many reasons, we shy away from testifying to our faith in you, Beloved. Yet we commit today to finding ways to make our lives into testimony to God's great love for all.

We Are Witnesses

Pastor's message: Acts 2:14a; 22-32

Message Notes:



Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What is the best thing about Easter time for you?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Acts 2:14a;22-32**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

WE ARE WITNESSES

April 16, 2023

Monday

Read: Acts 2:14a; 22-23 *Peter speaks*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does Peter mean when he says "those outside the law?"*
2. *Peter preached this sermon to those who were grieving over Jesus' death. How might they have received these words?*

Prayer Focus We know we failed to recognize you, Jesus, as having been sent from God, even when we heard and saw proof of your identity, in person. Help us recall your life, your work, your gifts, and your message so that we do not lose you again.

Tuesday

Read: Acts 2:24 *Jesus is eternal*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why was it impossible for Jesus to be held in the power of death?*
2. *Reflect on what death means to you in light of the resurrection. Give thanks for the freedom you feel.*

Prayer Focus Immortal Christ, thank you for the way your refusal to accept death as the final word has shown us the way to live. Help us live to honor that promise and to pass it on to others.