

## Wednesday

Read: Acts 2:38a *Peter advises*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does repentance mean for you today?*
2. *How does your baptism guide you to live?*

**Prayer Focus.** Change our hearts, change our minds, change our paths so that we return to you. Be our compass, Redeemer. Prepare us to open fully to your Holy Spirit.

## Thursday

Read: Acts 2:38b-39 *The Holy Spirit*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How does forgiveness lead to the gift of the Holy Spirit? How do you define forgiveness?*
2. *Who are “all those who are far away?” Pray for them today.*

**Prayer Focus** God, you made it clear that everyone, at all times, is capable and worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the promise of forgiveness and truth, for a way to live. Reconcile us to you, to be part of your work and life.

## Friday

Read: Acts 2:40-41 *The response of the people*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What do you feel is corrupt about the current world?*
2. *How might we be involved in healing the world through our own salvation? How will you embrace that salvation this week?*

**Prayer Focus.** God, help us to be open to your saving power. Extend our connection with you so we don't lose life and hope. Help us hear and answer your call to partner with you in your work here in our world.

## *Cut to the Heart*

**Pastor's message:** Acts 2:14a,36-41

**Message Notes:**



## Small Group Format

### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Have you ever heard something that truly changed your life?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: Acts 2:14a,36-41

- 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)

## Cut to the Heart April 23, 2023

### Monday

**Read:** Acts 2:14a,36 *Peter proclaims Jesus*

**Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *Why does Peter proclaim Jesus as Savior but also assign blame to us and our leaders for Jesus' death?*
2. *Reflect on what Jesus as Messiah means to you.*

**Prayer Focus.** Thank you for giving us the chance to look at our own failings and to right our wrongs against you. Pour out your compassion on us, God, and forgive our sins. *"Sin is our only hope, because the recognition that something is wrong is the first step toward setting it right again."* Barbara Brown Taylor

### Tuesday

**Read:** Acts 2:37 *The people's hearts*

**Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *The people were "cut to the heart" by Peter's words. Do you feel some of what they felt? Why?*
2. *What did the people mean by asking what they should do?*

**Prayer Focus** There are times when we are inspired to act, but don't know which way to move. Re-orient us, Teacher. Show us what we need to do to move past guilt and regret, anger and despair. Move us to live so we use our opened hearts.