

2024 - Family Devo

Jan 28 - a



READ: Acts 2:29-41

Main Idea: Peter continues to show the crowd of listeners that Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection were long ago prophesied to happen. When the people are convicted of their sin, they asked what to do. Peter tells them to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. 3000 respond in faith and do just that. The eternal kingdom that Jesus came to establish has begun.

DISCUSS

Children: Peter may have brought up each prophet or psalm that predicted Jesus's birth or death to show them that they should have known and then believed that Jesus was who he said he was. Apparently, a lot of them believed and were baptized. How long do you think it took for 3000 people to be baptized? Do you think that all twelve apostles got in the water and baptized people? The important part is that they did repent and get baptized. And that was the reason Jesus came to earth. To save as many people as he could.

Teen: Peter makes it clear Jesus is both Lord and Christ. Why do we need to know Jesus as both our Lord and Christ? (the word Lord means "master" and the word Christ means "messiah" or "savior")

What do we need, to receive forgiveness of sins?

Adult: We don't know if Peter's whole sermon was recorded for us. If it is the whole sermon, it's very short. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is longer. What made this message so powerful to the assembled Jews that 3,000 of them acknowledged their sins and were baptized? Does the message have the same power today? Do you think people of the world realize their sins put Jesus on the cross? How can we make this same message have the power it did in the first century?

PRAY

MEMORIZE

Acts 2:38 (ESV)

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READ: Acts 2:42-47

Main Idea: The church enjoys a time of peace and growth. They were devoted to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, communion and prayer. They had great love for each other and were taking care of any among them who didn't have enough. God was adding to their number (the church) daily as new people were being saved.

DISCUSS

Children: What a wonderful time that must have been. They just all got together and learned about Jesus. Are we still there? Are we devoted to the Bible? Do we listen to the preaching/teaching? Do we show up for the meals throughout the year just to be together? Do we take communion and if we do, are we doing it for the right reason? Do we read the bible and pray like we should?

Teen: What are some things you notice about the early church? In what ways did they show their love for God, and for each other?

Adult: Devotion. There's a concept we don't think of often. Do you know someone who is truly devoted to something? Not in the romantic sense but in the sense that they were willing to sacrifice time and assets, maybe even health, to spend in pursuit of that "thing?" If so, what drew them to it so that they would sacrifice? If you, like me, have a difficult time thinking of anyone who is that devoted, why is that? Even people we might think are devoted to something like being the best athlete they can be. Do they eventually walk away from that sport or activity that held them in its grip? Why don't we show that same devotion today?

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