

Growth Group Questions June 22, 2025 "What Shall We Do?"

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:29-41

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand ³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."'

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Psalm 132:11-12

¹¹ The LORD swore an oath to David, a sure oath he will not revoke:

"One of your own descendants
I will place on your throne.

12 If your sons keep my covenant
and the statutes I teach them,
then their sons will sit
on your throne for ever and ever."

Mark 1:14-15

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Romans 6:1-4

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 10:12-13

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

QUESTIONS

- 1. What does it mean when Peter says that Jesus is "both Lord and Messiah?" (Acts 2:36)
- 2. In Acts 2:37, we read that when the Israelites who were present heard Peter speak about Jesus they were "cut to the heart." What does that say to you? What do you think Peter said that specifically convicted them?
- 3. In response to the peoples' question "What shall we do?", Peter responds first that they must repent. What does it mean to repent?
- 4. Why is repentance necessary for salvation?
- 5. Pastor Paul gave us four "R's" in response to the question "What shall we do?" The first was repent. The second was "reborn." What does it mean to be reborn in Christ?
- 6. What is the importance of baptism for a Christian?
- 7. Pastor Paul's third "R" was "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." When and how do we receive this gift from God?

- 8. Pastor Paul said that the fourth "R" is "reach," and that the reach of the Gospel is only limited by you and me." What does that mean to you?
- 9. As we reaffirmed our baptism together on Sunday, we agreed to "renounce" evil and the ways of sin that separate us from God. What does that mean to you?