

## **Discussion Guide**

### **The Message of the Church Acts 2:14-41**

*Use this discussion guide to develop your LIFE Group session. You can pick and choose from the following items or develop your own discussion questions.*

#### **Break the Ice**

What's the "strangest" or most "supernatural" experience you've ever had?

#### **Talk Through the Text**

Re-read Acts 2:14-41 - what thoughts, words or phrase catch your attention?

Peter had denied Jesus on the night of His arrest and trial, how was Peter able to now stand before others and testify of Christ? What made the difference in His life?

What is the significance of Peter quoting Old Testament passages in his sermon?

What are your thoughts on v.36 where Peter accuses the Jews of crucifying Jesus? What affect did it have on those who heard it?

Peter instructs the Jews of what they needed to do to be saved - repent and be baptized. How does his statement fit with the gospel message from the rest of the New Testament?

What promise does Peter make to those who are saved in v.39? Why is that significant?

What is the outcome of Peter's sermon? Why do you think Peter's message was so effective at touching people's hearts/lives? What lesson is there for modern Christians?

A group of 120 believers grew to over 3000 in one day. How do you think the disciples felt going from losing their leader in the ascension to now?

#### **Apply the Text**

What personal lessons do you learn from this passage of Scripture?

What steps do you need to take to apply these lessons to your life?

As part of the Body of Christ, the church, what applications are there for the church today?

#### **Further Study**

*Consider including the following verses in your study.*

Numbers 11:21-30

Acts 16:14, 25-34

Matthew 4:17

Romans 1:16-17

John 3:14-21

Ephesians 2:1-10