

ICB COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY

WHAT WE DO: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS

The message last Sunday, continued our new series What we do. This week we look at Peter addressing the crowd and the boldness that the Holy Spirit gives us when we let Him use us.

START

Icebreaker: Tonight we are talking about being empowered by the Holy Spirit. If you could have any super power what would it be and why?!

SHARE

READ ACTS 2: 14-41

- What one word or expression would you use to summarise this passage?
- Here we see Peter as a dynamic leader and preacher. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that has changed this hot-headed, impulsive man who was once who denied Jesus three times. Scripture is the foundation of Peter's proclamation of truth. What message does the Old Testament book of Joel have for the bewildered crowd (vv. 17-21)?
- What facts about Jesus does Peter include in his message? Why do you think Peter emphasises the resurrection of Jesus in his message?
- Describe the effect Peter's sermon had on the people. What did they ask? Why did the people ask this? What was their spiritual condition at the time?
- How would you define "repent"? What other passages show its importance in salvation?
- What does the passage teach about whether or not obedience is necessary to be forgiven of sins?
- How does the interaction between the audience and Peter compare to the interaction between the audience and the speaker in the church services you have attended?

GROW

- What can we learn from Peter's witness to the crowd?
- When do you find it easy to let the Holy Spirit lead and empower you? When you do find it more difficult?

PRAY

Pray for opportunities to let God lead and empower you in the different situations you encounter this week. Ask Him to show you in what areas of your life (relationships,

work, family) you need to trust Him more and pray that He would teach you to live out the life He has for you.

GO

Know that as you enter this new week, God has positioned you in a way that He wants to use you and to work through you. Be encouraged that it is not by our strength or our might, but by God's Spirit. And with His empowering we can step into any situation knowing that He will be with us.

Read more about Peter's sermon to the 3000 in Acts 2:14-41, about the gifts of the Spirit 1 Cor 12: 1-11,