

December 31 - January 6

For Everyone | Tell Them About Jesus

Icebreaker: Have you ever had to give a presentation in front of a large audience? What did you talk about? What helped you feel confident or what caused you to lack confidence?

Peter gives the very first sermon about Jesus and begins the church on the day of Pentecost. It was his very first public declaration about Jesus. Consider what gave him the confidence to preach this message as we look at this passage.

Read Acts 2:22-24, 36

- What were the disciples doing prior to this sermon? What changed? (see Acts 2:1-4)
- How would you summarize Peter's sermon? What were his important points?

Read Acts 2:37-41

- How did the people respond?
- What did Peter ask them to do?
- What is repentance? Why is it important for people to follow Jesus?
- Why would Peter mention baptism as a part of the process of coming to Jesus?
 - What is baptism? Why would baptism be important for a group of people who all shared the Jewish faith?
 - See Acts 2:21. What is necessary for salvation according to this verse?
 - Is baptism necessary for someone to be saved? (See also Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 2:16, John 3:16)
 - Our How is baptism the natural step after someone believes in Jesus?
- According to verse 38 what is given to those who believe in Jesus, repent of their sins, and identify with him?
- Who is offered the promise of salvation and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit?
- How many people were baptized that day? Consider what this scene would have looked like. How long would this have taken? What would they have done with all these people?
- How was something like this possible? What was the key to this response from the people? Who or what caused this response?
- What would you tell someone who asked you what they ought to do when they feel convicted by their sin?

