

Everyone. Everywhere. All the time.

## INTRODUCTION

To prepare for this lesson, resource The Moody Bible Commentary pages 1675–1678 (Acts 2:22–41). This will be a helpful framework for the text and to anticipate any side conversations.

Did you ever have a Myspace account? Do you remember Vine? What about the Ice Bucket Challenge? Or Grumpy Cat? Or "What Does the Fox Say?" All of these are trends that left the scene almost as quickly as they arrived. Popular or viral for a moment—then hardly remembered. The church went viral, too. But since we are meeting here together over 2,000 years later, we can say the church was NOT a passing trend.



HOW IS WHAT I
KNOW INCREASING?



HOW IS MY WORSHIP BEING TRANSFORMED?



HOW CAN I TAKE WHAT I'VE LEARNED INTO THE WEEK?

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### HEAD

#### Read Acts 2:22-24.

Last time we met, we concluded our discussion by talking about Peter's boldness. It's a pretty long speech but there's a reason for his lengthy sermon. Based on what we just read, what point is Peter trying to make? (Signs, wonders, and miracles are evidence that Christ is God. It was God's plan for Christ to be crucified. Christ was raised by God. He defeated death.)

### Read Acts 2:25-31.

Peter quotes Psalm 16 in his sermon. Psalm 16 is considered a Messianic Psalm meaning an Old Testament Psalm that foretold the Messiah. What do you think is the significance of quoting Old Testament Scripture to his audience? (They were devout Jews. They were looking for the Messiah. Peter was building a case for Christ as God.)

Do you think there's any value in understanding that the coming Christ can be found in the Old Testament? (This adds to the validity of Scripture, the divinity of Christ, and it shows the story of Scripture threaded throughout. These are all great talking points for those who are doubting.)

## HEART

### Read Acts 2:37. Read it again.

When is the last time you witnessed this kind of spiritual remorse—where a person heard the gospel and was "pierced to the heart?"

### Read Acts 2:38-40.

Peter spoke boldly to those who were listening. Do you feel capable of speaking this boldly?

What would it take to share the gospel with this type of open passion? What would it take for you to WANT to share this boldly?

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## HANDS

#### Read Acts 2:41.

Have you ever witnessed 3,000 people coming to Christ in one sermon? What is at work here? (This is a movement of God. The Holy Spirit was moving. The people of God were obedient.)

#### Read 1 Peter 3:15.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter was ready to share the reason for his faith. What are ways we can be ready "to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you have?"

(Recall the Evangelism Tools from the One Big Thing Series: 3 Circles,
Gospel Beads Bracelet, One Verse, and Question Evangelism.)

## CONCLUSION

Is there anything else from Kevin's sermon that you'd like to discuss?

### Read Acts 2:48.

Peter didn't sugarcoat it. The church wasn't born to be a country club but a place where sinners could be saved, forgiven, and gathered. May we be empowered by the Holy Spirit to boldly share this good news and watch God's kingdom grow!

## PRAY

Let's take time to pray for one another and ask for a movement of God within Legacy!