



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

**Home Group study: week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

**LOVE GOD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, DO MISSION TOGETHER**

**THEME: DO MISSION TOGETHER – FROM DEATH TO LIFE**

**PASSAGES: ACTS 2: 14-41**

### **LAUNCH**

When was the last time you engaged in public speaking? What were you worried about?

Think about the best talk or sermon you have ever heard. What was so good about it?

### **DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING**

What was the immediate question that Peter needed to answer at the beginning of his sermon?

Peter moves fairly quickly into quoting scripture to support an argument for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (Joel 2). Why is it important that he does this?

Billy Graham used to start almost all his evangelistic sermons with the phrase 'the bible says'. Why did he need to do this?

What is the importance of the bible in us sharing the gospel with those around us? How do we need to be careful not to overload people with scripture as we share the good news of Jesus Christ? What are the key bits of scripture that need to be shared for someone to become a Christian?

In the Old Testament, the Spirit only fell on select individuals. Now he is available to all Christians. How does this encourage you? In what ways would you like to be empowered by the Spirit?

Having explained the reason for the disturbance (the Holy Spirit), Peter then draws the attention of the listener firmly towards Jesus. One commentator has suggested that in recent times our gospel message has become far more man-centric than Christ-centric. Do you agree & in what ways does this happen?

Jesus's stamp of authenticity as it were was his demonstration of 'miracles, wonders and signs'. (vs 22) Does the church establish its authenticity on the same ticket? Why are we a bit lacking in this department? Pray for more miracles, wonders and signs amongst us here at Jubilee

In verse 23, Peter doesn't pull his punches and basically accuses the crowd of crucifying Jesus (which could have got him lynched). The sin of deicide (murder of God) is clearly identified & called out. Why is calling out sin a key element of the gospel?

How is society becoming increasingly resistant to accepting a message that mankind is fundamentally sinful?

In what ways can we share a need for repentance from sin without appearing superior, judgemental or patronising?

**APPLICATION**

Peter had a captive audience to preach to. Who are your non-Christian captive audience? Pray for natural opportunities to share Christ.

Pray for one another to be full of the Spirit so that you can witness in both power & humility