

# GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word

*Leader Edition*



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# Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

## **Introduction**

Acts 2 explores how God reverses the consequences of our past mistakes and restores what was lost. Reflect on times when you've felt the weight of past regrets and consider how the Holy Spirit can transform these experiences into opportunities for renewal. As we delve into the events of Pentecost, we'll see how being filled with the Holy Spirit empowers us to boldly proclaim God's word. Let's discuss how this empowerment can manifest in our lives today, offering hope and redemption.

## **Disciple Measure**

**Force for Good:** What kind of legacy am I leaving? Why does my legacy matter?

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# Discussion Questions

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## Reversing the Curse

### HIGHLIGHT

*Have someone read aloud...*

[Acts 2:37-41](#)

### EXPLAIN

*Discuss the following questions...*

**Opening Question:** What are some past mistakes or regrets that you've seen God transform or use for good in your life?

1. What was the impact of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? What are other ways we see the Holy Spirit working throughout scripture?

*Have someone read aloud [Exodus 19:16-19](#) and [Exodus 32:27-28](#).*

2. Discuss the parallels between Moses receiving the Law on Mount Sinai and the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. What does this teach us about God's plan throughout history?
3. How does understanding that Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecies and festivals strengthen your faith?
4. What are other ways we see God rewrite or restore legacies throughout scripture?



# Questions for Families

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*Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.*

## **Acts 2:37-41**

### **What does this story show us about God’s plan for His people?**

For younger children, explain that God wanted people to know and follow Jesus, and He gave them the Holy Spirit to help them. With older kids, discuss how Pentecost fulfilled God’s promise and how He was starting something new—the church.

### **Why do you think the people felt “cut to the heart” when Peter spoke?**

Guide younger children to understand that they realized they had made a big mistake and wanted to make it right. With older kids, discuss how they recognized their sin, saw their need for Jesus, and responded with repentance.

### **How did the people show they truly wanted to follow Jesus, and how can we do the same?**

For younger children, talk about how the people listened to Peter, repented, and were baptized to show they loved Jesus. With older kids, discuss how true faith leads to action—repenting, being baptized, and living in a way that honors God.

# NT 260

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## **WEEK: 7**

- Acts 7
- Acts 8
- Acts 9
- Acts 10
- Acts 11

**MEMORY VERSE:** Matthew 5:13-14

# Resources

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## Resources to Listen To

### **The Forgotten Jesus Podcast - S4 E5 You Can't Have Pentecost Without Passover**



Pastor dives into Pentecost and Passover. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).  
(27 min)

### **The Forgotten Jesus Podcast - S4 E6 Rewriting the Curse of the First Pentecost**



Pastor dives into Pentecost and Passover. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).  
(31 min)

## Resources to Watch

### **The Bible Project - Book Overview Acts 1-12**



To learn more about the main themes and context of Acts 1-12 from the Bible Project click [here](#).  
(8 min)

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## **Life Group Resources**

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at [groups@longhollow.com](mailto:groups@longhollow.com).

## **D-Group Resources**

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



# Commentary

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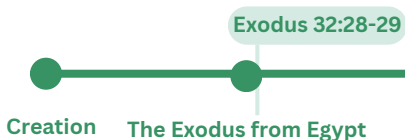
### A Bit of Background

Acts 2:37-41 takes place during Pentecost, a Jewish festival that brought people from all over the world to Jerusalem. But this Pentecost was different. Weeks earlier, Jesus had been crucified, resurrected, and ascended to heaven. Before leaving, He promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit would come and empower them to share the gospel.

As they gathered in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit arrived in a powerful way—like a rushing wind with tongues of fire resting on them. Suddenly, they spoke in different languages, and people from various nations understood them. This caught everyone’s attention, and Peter seized the moment to preach.

Peter boldly declared that Jesus, whom many had rejected and crucified, was the promised Messiah. He quoted the Old Testament to prove that the coming of the Holy Spirit fulfilled God’s plan. His words deeply convicted the crowd, and they asked, “What should we do?” Peter’s answer was simple: Repent and be baptized in Jesus’ name for the forgiveness of sins. That day, about 3,000 people believed and were baptized. This event was the beginning of something new—the church.

## Biblical Timeline





## What's Going On?

Acts 2:37-41 is a crucial moment in the book of Acts, and it connects to the larger story of what God is doing. First, Peter's sermon is a direct fulfillment of what Jesus had promised. Before He ascended, Jesus told His disciples they would receive power to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8). Now, that power had arrived through the Holy Spirit, and Peter—who had once denied Jesus out of fear—was now boldly proclaiming Him in front of thousands.

Second, the number 3,000 is significant. In the Old Testament, when Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai, the Israelites rebelled by worshiping the golden calf. As a result, 3,000 people died (Exodus 32:28). Now, on this new Pentecost, 3,000 people received life through Jesus. It's like God was reversing what had happened at Sinai, replacing judgment with grace.

Third, this passage marks the beginning of the church. The people didn't just make a private decision to follow Jesus—they immediately joined a new community. Baptism was a public declaration of their faith, and from this point on, they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42). In short, Acts 2:37-41 isn't just about a one-time event—it's about the birth of something new. The gospel was no longer limited to one group of people; it was now on the move.

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# Sermon Notes

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**Acts 2:37-41 CSB**

When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, “Be saved from this corrupt generation!” So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.

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## Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

### *Spirit-Led Follower*

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

### *Intentional Friend*

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

### *Humble Guide*

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

### *Force For Good*

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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