**Fellowship CommUnity Group**

**Discussion Guide for Leaders**

*Witnesses: Study of Acts*

*Sermon: Answering Their Question*

*3-1-20*

1. **Getting To Know Each Other** Opening Question:Lent is the 40 day period of time leading up to Easter Sunday. How do you typically approach the Lenten season?

*(***Opening Prayer**. (Either leader, host home or someone who is willing to pray out loud)

*(Notes from message for reference only – use only as needed)*

**\*\***Use Sermon notes bulletin insert

I. Peter Answers Their Question

**What Does This Mean?**

1) The coming of the Spirit means the scriptural prophecy has been fulfilled.

2) The coming of the Spirit means the last days have arrived.

3) The coming of the Spirit means God has brought salvation to all people.

4) The coming of the Spirit means that the cosmic upheaval promised at the end of the last days will happen.

5) The coming of the Spirit means that Christ has been exalted to the right hand of God.

**Peter Preaches Christ**

1) Peter preaches the Incarnation of Christ.

2) Peter preaches the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of humanity.

3) Peter preaches the crucifixion of Christ.

4) Peter preaches the resurrection of Christ.

5) Peter preaches the glory of Christ.

**Into The Text** (Leaders: This time is not meant to be application yet, this is time in the Word, before we seek to apply truth, we need to understand the truth. The section after this one will focus on application.)

1. Ask someone to read Acts 2:14-21. *Ask: What is the question the people are asking?(v12) Why does Peter refer to the prophet Joel in answering their question? What did Joel prophesy about the Spirit? Why does Peter want the people to know that Joel said this? What are the ‘last days’? What will happen to the cosmos at the day of the Lord? What does Peter say about salvation in v21?*
2. Ask someone to read Acts 2:22-28. *Ask: How does Peter introduce Jesus to the crowd? How does Peter describe what happened to Jesus? Why does Peter make it a point to say that Christ’s death was according to the definite plan of God? Why is that important for this crowd to understand? Why does Peter refer to a psalm of David?*
3. Ask someone to read Acts 2:29-36.  *Ask: What is the significance of what Peter said in v32? Why does Peter make it a point to tell this crowd that Jesus is at the right hand of God? How would most people in Jerusalem respond to that? How does Peter refer back to their original question in v33? Is there any uncertainty in v36? What is Peter saying in v36?*

**Application**

1. Say: **Let’s move to discussion and application**. Ask: *Why is it important for us to listen to the questions people are asking? Does the redemptive story of God through Jesus Christ answer the biggest questions the world has? What question about God or the Bible is most difficult for you to answer?*
2. Ask: *What are some of the big questions the world is asking today? In what way does the good news of Jesus Christ answer these questions?*
3. *Ask: How does God’s sovereign foreknowledge and plan in Christ’s death answer questions people are asking today? If God did not plan for and have foreknowledge of Christ’s death, what questions would that leave unanswered?*
4. *Ask: How can you bring the story of Jesus into your conversations with unbelievers? Why should our answers to their questions always lead to Jesus? Share some ways to do that.*
5. Ask: *Does our culture’s version of Jesus match the story of Jesus that Peter spoke about? Why is it so important that witnesses of Jesus clarify the true story of Jesus to the world today?*

**Closing Prayer Time**: **(Leader Say:**) Let’s close with a time of prayer. Ask the Lord to give you opportunities to share the story of Jesus with someone this week. Ask the Lord to give you boldness to share the true story of who Jesus is and what it is that he has already done for us. *(Ask someone to open, let people pray as they feel led, and then leader closes.)*