

'Cut to the Heart'

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BIG IDEA

What would it look like to see the Spirit of God at work with you and through you? Before understanding what it would look like, we must wrestle with the question – *'Do we really want the Spirit of God not only to be at work in our lives, but through our lives as well?'* To those who'd say yes, to those who'd desire to see the Holy Spirit do what the Holy Spirit does, the Apostle Peter gives us a good example of what this would look like in [Acts 2:14- 41](#). If we'd see the Spirit of God at work with us and through us, then we...

1. Step forward in the power of the Spirit of God
2. Be filled with the Word of God
3. Point people towards Jesus who is LORD and Savior of all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When's the last time you 'Stepped out?' Share an example(s) of when you experienced the Spirit of God leading you to do 'something' – what did He want you to do? Did you do it? What was the result? Why is it often so difficult to 'step forward' when we sense the Spirit of God providing an opportunity for us to be used by Him? As you consider the Apostle Peter in [Acts 2:14](#), why was he able to 'step forward' and address a crowd of a few thousand people with great confidence and conviction?
2. Are there any reasons or potential lies you may be believing about God or yourself that would be causing you to believe that Spirit of God would not want to use you to do extraordinary things? Clearly, the Apostle Peter could have allowed his recent past to prevent him from stepping forward, but Peter did not allow his past to prevent him from entering into all that the Spirit of God had for him moving forward. Is there anything in your life that is preventing you from entering into all that the Spirit of God would desire to do with you and through you?
3. When Peter addressed the crowds, he used the Word of God that was in him to explain the activity of God. Is the Word of God in you? Meaning, do you just know the story of God, or is the story of God in you so much that when seeking to encourage, inspire or challenge those around you, you are using the Word of God to do that? Consider [Isaiah 55:11](#) and [Hebrews 4:12](#) – how do these verses challenge you as it relates to knowing and using the Word of God to explain and understand the activity of God?
4. Peter pointed the crowds to the God-man Jesus Christ ([Acts 2:22-36](#)), specifically, who Jesus was and is, ALL that He accomplished and what it all means. We cannot change people's hearts towards Jesus, only the Spirit of God can do that, but we can present people with what we know about Jesus. What are some practical ways that you might begin to grow in presenting what we know about Jesus to the people around us?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Friday** – Join other from the GENESIS Community this Friday, March 8th at 8PM at GENESIS for a powerful evening of worship and prayer.
- **This Sunday** – Join us this Sunday, March 10th as we continue our series in Acts. Next up: Community.
- **Alanna DeMella Fundraising Gala** – Saturday, March 23rd. Learn more about how you can support the Alanna & Joshua Foundation via the GENESIS Website: <http://www.genesisthejourney.com/events/event/309>
- **Student Ministries** – Help spread the word about Student Ministries at GENESIS. High School Students will gather on the 1st and 3rd Monday and Middle School Students will gather on the 2nd and 4th Monday's. If you'd like to get involved with Student Ministries, visit the GENESIS website to learn how... www.genesisthejourney.com/serve/students