



### **What is going on?**

After the events of that first Easter, many were still unsure what to make of Jesus. As Peter stands up on the Day of Pentecost he makes it very clear how the Old Testament promises, confirmed by Jesus' resurrection and ascension, show him to be the reigning and exalted King (both Lord and Messiah/Christ - see 2:36).

### **Start with prayer and then read Acts 2:32-47:**

What are the 'spiritual realities' spoken about on the Day of Pentecost (particularly focusing on v32-36)?

How does the picture in v34 (a quotation from Psalm 110) make it plain that responding rightly to Jesus is essential?

What does the people's reaction in v37 show us? What might it mean to be 'cut to the heart'?

Are there any moments of profound conviction of sin you have experienced in your own life?

What does Peter say they should do? How much assurance does he give them? Given what Peter says back in v23, how does this underline God's grace?

What picture does v40 give about Peter's commitment to seeking a response?

What strikes you about the description of the early church in v42-47?

### **Apply**

In what ways might we have become 'dull' to the Spirit's convicting work in us? How might we have the same urgency and passion as Peter?

How might we be increasingly devoted to the apostle's teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer?

### **Pray**

