

Study notes based on Acts 2:14-41: Peter Preaches.

1. Reflect on outreach that you may have been involved in over the years. How much was answering questions which people weren't even asking? How much was raising questions to which Christ is the answer?
2. Peter preached an impromptu, unprepared sermon in response to a question 'what's going on?' Read 1 Peter 3:15. How can we prepare ourselves to be ready to give an answer?
3. Reflect on the expression 'the last days' in the light of Peter's statement that Joel's prophecy is in part fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. How may we best respond to contemporary claims that specific prophecies are being fulfilled in our lifetime?
4. Which two specific parts of Joel's prophecy were fulfilled at Pentecost?
5. In what ways was Jesus of Nazareth accredited by God? Acts 2:22-24 and 31.
6. How does Peter answer the question 'what shall we do? Does anything surprise you? If so what and why?
7. Read v40. How do you respond to the assertion that we may have become too soft or nice, in our evangelism, shying clear of the plight of not yet believers. Where do we see the place for warning and pleading?
8. See v41. What factors may inhibit such response in our culture? What can we do to see more people respond to the gospel?

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