

**Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Series: **“Doing Things Jesus’s Way”**

Message: **“The Promise is for *You...*”**

Sermon Text: **Acts 2:36-41**; Old Testament Text: **Joel 2:28-32**; Gospel Text: **John 14:15-21**.

Read **Acts 2:36-41** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Acts 2:36**. How would you have felt if you heard Peter say these words to you?
2. Do you think Peter chose those words intentionally, and, if so, why?
3. Read **Acts 2:37**. How have the people reacted to Peter’s words?
4. Read **Acts 2:38**. Considering the people’s great sins against Jesus, what do you think their confessions would have sounded like?
5. Do you think you would have had the courage to confess and repent of your sins in this situation? Why or why not?
6. Read **Acts 2:39**. How would Peter’s words in **Acts 2:39** have made you feel?
7. Read **Acts 2:40**. Peter exhorted the people to ***“Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”*** Were the people really ***saving themselves***?
8. Who was it that was actually saving them?
9. Read **Acts 2:41**. According to this verse, what people were baptized?
10. Why is ***receiving God’s Word*** always the key to growing in our faith?

### **Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting**

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Joel 2:28-32** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. According to **Joel 2:28**, upon whom does God desire to pour His Spirit out?
  2. Does God discriminate based on age or gender? (Support your answer with proof.)
  3. Read **1 Corinthians 14:3**. According to this passage, why does the church desperately need people who can prophesy?
  4. Why would it be good for the Church if we had *old men who dreamed dreams and young men who saw visions*?
  5. According to **Joel 2:29**, are God's blessings reserved only for the rich and the free?
  6. After reading **Joel 2:30-31**, what do you think the *great and awesome day of the Lord will be like* for believers?
  7. What do you think that day will be like for unbelievers?
  8. According to **Joel 2:32**, what does it take to be saved?
- II. Next read **John 14:15-21**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. According to **John 14:15**, what is the evidence that we love Jesus?
  2. In the ESV translation of **John 14:16**, Jesus promises to give His disciples *another helper*. What do some of the other translations promise?
  3. *Advocate* and *Counselor* suggest that the Holy Spirit acts at times like a defense lawyer. Against whom does the Holy Spirit defend us? How does He defend us?
  4. According to **John 14:16**, how long will the Holy Spirit be with us?
  5. Why is a believer able to receive the Spirit of truth, while an unbeliever cannot? (See **John 14:17**.)

6. Where does the Holy Spirit ultimately dwell in the life of a believer?
7. How does Jesus fulfill His promise *not to leave His disciples as orphans*?
8. What is Jesus telling us in **John 14:19**?
9. How would you explain the meaning of **John 14:20**?
10. How is **John 14:21** similar to **John 14:15**? What additional promises does **John 14:21** make that aren't found in **John 14:15**?

III. Read **Acts 2:36-41**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions: