

## HIGHER AIM

## Becoming an Acts 2 Believer

Part 6 | Acts 2:14-41

# INTRODUCTION

## NOTES

We have been examining Simon Peter's sermon step by step, and Acts chapter 2 is quite a chapter. When the sound of the rushing wind got their attention, Simon Peter provided an answer. The followers of Jesus were publicly declaring Jesus in different languages. Acts says that Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and addressed the crowd, explaining what was happening and why. What a sermon, what a message, what a response, and what a beginning of the first church. The first church was a mega church of 3,000 people, and because they did not count women and children, some Bible scholars believe that the number who gave their lives to Christ was about 10,000. It was the beginning of a church that has continued to this day. Jesus said that the gates of hell will not stop the church. His kingdom will continue, and regardless of how people respond, God has a plan for humanity that centers on the Messiah. We need to be men and women who align our lives with Christ to become Acts chapter 2 believers.

## KEY POINTS

## 1. Be Scripture Saturated

- He answered the question that people were asking.
- He rooted his message in the Word of God.
- He focused on proclaiming Jesus.
- He shared his experience with Jesus.
- He identified with the people to whom he spoke – fellow Israelites
- He confronted people with their sin.
- He listened to their response.
- He told them what they needed to do.
- He told them who they would receive.
- He gave a passionate invitation, not just a lecture.
- He expected people to respond and he trusted God for the results.

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Which of Peter's characteristics from Acts 2 do you personally need to grow in most (Scripture saturation, boldness, identifying with people, confronting sin, or giving a passionate invitation)?
2. Peter used his past failures, background, and experiences as a bridge for the Gospel. What parts of your own story might God want to use to reach others?
3. When you consider Peter's call to "repent" and "be baptized," what does true repentance look like in your daily life right now?

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