

Disciple's Quest

*IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN YOU ARE
TRULY DISCIPLES OF MINE.*

JOHN 8:31



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Acts 2:14 - 41

The Sermon that Launched the Church

Main Idea:

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, preached the gospel on the day of Pentecost, resulting in the salvation of about 3,000 souls.

Outline:

If we are to be faithful to our calling to make disciples and hope to see God work through our efforts, the message we proclaim must approximate Peter's in two important ways:

- 1) Our message must be thoroughly biblically informed.
- 2) We must complete our message by calling on people to act on the gospel by turning from sin and following after Jesus in faith.

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 Why do you think the ministry that took place on Pentecost was so fruitful?

#2 What role did Peter play?

#3 In what ways do you think that compromise at the point of the Gospel diminishes the impact of local evangelical churches?

#4 Given the positive examples of faithfulness in Scripture, why do you think churches and individual Believers sometimes opt to present a watered down Gospel to the world?

#5 Is your own understanding of the Gospel (the life, atoning death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus) sufficient to explain it to others?

GROWING FURTHER – Suggestions for a closer walk:

1. Practice writing out a comprehensive Gospel presentation that you can share with others. Keep it as brief as possible, but be sure to include:
 - Man's need (forgiveness of sins)
 - God's provision (the redemptive work of Jesus), and
 - The necessity of responding in committed repentant belief.
2. Make a list of unbelieving friends or family members and begin to pray now for God to give you the opportunity to share Christ with them. Pray also that through the Holy Spirit He would prepare them to listen.