

*The Miracle of a Second Chance / Rekindle Series*

[Acts 2:14-41](#)

**EXPLORING THE SERMON**

- \* What did you hear?
- \* What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- \* What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

**KEY VERSES**

*Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

**REFLECTION**

We find ourselves in week three of a four week series, studying how the Holy Spirit worked through the disciples at Pentecost. That same spirit is alive and working in the world today, and we're looking at how to be aware of it. **Discuss how these two realities that can block us from living in the spirit:**

- 1)** We often take the miraculous and make it ordinary. We often don't believe that God can change us, our city, and our world through His spirit working in us.
- 2)** For you and I to engage in that spirit, it doesn't just happen by accident. We must posture ourselves in a way - as the disciples did - to be open to be a part of what God is doing in the world.

For us to posture ourselves to be ready to respond to the Spirit, we are called to practice solitude, community, and service equally. **Consider your experience with the first two behaviors:**

**1) Solitude:** the disciples devoted themselves to prayer as they waited for Jesus in the upper room.

**What have you learned about how you can connect more solidly with God?**

**2) Community:** In this individualistic culture, we should model the disciples' commitment to each other. The depth and presence of God shows up when we're doing life together. **Who are the people who know you well and walk alongside you?**

The church is unlike any other non-profit or organization in the ways that it can respond and act. This unique service is found within Peter's sermon (v.14), and is a blueprint for what God is doing in the world. Peter did not have a plan when he stood up to speak, but he saw the needs and questions of the crowd and responded. His message of "repent and know the glory found in Jesus Christ" was one he himself had received firsthand. **Where do you have your radar up so that you are able to respond when God uses you just as he did Peter?** Thanks be to God that we don't have to be enough - God can use us as long as we position ourselves to hear the call.