

Discussion Questions:

The Heart-Work We Need

Acts 2: 37-41

When the Spirit is at work through the word, we should anticipate:

- Conviction

- Repentance & Faith

- Reception

1. Are you more inclined to welcome or to resist conviction?
 - a. What are some good reasons for being more open to regularly seeing your need to be forgiven?
 - b. How many reasons can you and your group come up with?

2. If we sat down together and you shared with me how often the Spirit convicts you and leads you to repent, what would you say?
 - a. How often do you feel "cut to the heart" by what he shows you?
 - b. How hard or easy is it to see his conviction as encouraging—as one more indication that Christ is actively reigning to defeat all his and your enemies?

3. We all know what it's like to sin and to then be filled with disgust ("I hate myself"), regret ("I hate what I did") and despair ("I'm hopeless"). None of those are indications that you are resting on Christ alone for his cleansing, but that you're relying on something else.
 - a. So then, what does indicate—how can you tell—when you are genuinely receiving his forgiveness? What indicates that you're filled instead, with his Spirit?

4. Have you asked the Holy Spirit to fill you today—to convict you, give you a sense of God's forgiveness and fill you with joy? Even if you have asked, take some time now and ask again!