

# Acts 2:37-41

## June 1, 2025



### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- What are some highs or lows you experienced this past week?
- What Scripture has been shaping you recently?
- Where have you seen God moving in your life this week?
- What did you hear in today's sermon OR read in today's passage that you would like to discuss?
- What did you learn about yourself in today's sermon/passage?
- What did you learn about God in today's sermon/passage?
- What convicted you as you listened to today's sermon OR read in today's passage?

### **INTRODUCTION**

*As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.*

A Walk on the Romans Road

In this exercise, youth leaders will walk students through the Romans Road.

Items needed: pens, note cards

1. Write the first verse (listed below) on the board (or display on a screen).
2. Invite a student to read the verse.
3. Ask students: What does this verse mean to you?
4. Give an explanation of what it means and why it's important to the conversation of salvation.
5. Repeat with every verse in the list.
6. When you've covered every verse, lead the simple prayer below.

Reiterate that there are no "magic words" to be saved but this is an easy way to get started.

7. Invite students to write the verses and prayer in the front cover of their Bibles, in a note on their phone, or on the note cards you provide.

**John 3:16** — Sin separates us from God, but He loves us and wants a relationship with us so much that He sent His son, Jesus, to die for our sins on the cross.

**Romans 3:23** — No one is innocent. We are all sinners. (Yes, that includes the student minister and pastor!)

**Romans 5:8** — Even though we sin, Jesus loves us so much that He died for us.

**Romans 6:23** — Because we are sinners, we deserve death. But because Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins, we are offered the gift of eternal life by believing in Jesus.

**Romans 10:9,13** — This gift is for everyone who will accept it! That means you, and your friends at school, and everyone in your life. We are saved through God's grace when we have faith in Jesus.

**Simple Prayer:**

Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I believe you are the Son of God. I want to follow you. Amen.

## ***DISCUSSION***

 ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ ACTS 2:37-41.

**How were the gathered Jews affected by the truth in Peter's sermon? What question did they ask?**

**What would you say if someone asked you how to be saved?**

**How did Peter respond to the question of the crowd?**

**Who did Peter indicate the gift of salvation is for?**

**How would you put Peter's response into your own words?**

**What response did the unbelievers take?**

**What types of responses have you received when you've shared the gospel or talked about Jesus before?**

Why can we trust God even when we don't get this type of response?

### ***GOING DEEPER***

How does it encourage you to remember that God is responsible for saving people and you are not?

How does it relieve pressure to remember your role is only to be faithful in sharing the message?

### ***APPLICATION***

What are your big takeaways from our study today?

Do you struggle putting the gospel message into words? How do you share this message with others?

Who is one person you could share the truth of Jesus with this week? How will you take steps toward this?

### ***PRAYER***

Thank God for the free gift of salvation He offers all. Thank Him for the examples He has given in the pages of Scripture of how to share the good news of Jesus effectively. Ask for His help as your group goes out and shares the gospel in your community.

### ***LOOKING AHEAD***

*Encourage your group to look ahead as we continue the series on Acts next week.*

**June 8, 2025 --- Acts 2:42-47**

### ***COMMENTARY***

**Acts 2:37-41**

**2:37** Peter's audience was pierced to the heart because they realized their guilt in the execution of Jesus, plus they were convinced by Peter's passionate

eyewitness testimony and his description of how the events surrounding Jesus's death and resurrection fulfilled OT prophecies about the promised Messiah. This prompted them to ask the question that anyone hearing the gospel should ask, Brothers, what should we do?

**2:38** Peter's answer indicates three major components in conversion. One must repent, which means turning from sin. To be baptized ... in the name of Jesus publicly declares our repentance and faith, plus it symbolically identifies us with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. The Holy Spirit is given as a gift and seal of conversion, empowering the believer for the life of faith.

**2:39** One of the major themes of the book of Acts is that the message of salvation through Jesus Christ extends not just to the people of Israel but also beyond them to as many as ...God will call. The Gentiles were far off in two senses: they were geographically far removed from Israel, but even more significantly they were "far off" from knowledge of the one true God.

**2:40** On this corrupt generation, see Ps 78:8. Jesus often referred to "this generation" in the same sense (Mt 12:41).

**2:41** In response to Peter's preaching, Luke commented in an understated way that about three thousand people were added to the community of believers. Note the close link between coming to faith and being baptized. There was apparently no delay between profession of faith and baptism. The large number of converts was made possible by the huge crowds who had traveled to Jerusalem from all over the Mediterranean region for the Passover celebration.