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**WEEK 1: PART 1: THE
GOSPEL DEMANDS OUR
BOLD PROCLAMATION
(ACTS 2:22-41)**

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

To maintain a healthy group, focus on four key components: Word, prayer, relationships, and outreach. This guide will help you study a biblical passage through observation, interpretation, and application. As you explore Acts 2:22-41, keep in mind this week's big idea: the gospel demands bold proclamation, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

CONNECT

- Ask this ice-breaker: "Share about a time when you were nervous to speak up about something important—like your faith—but did it anyway. What happened, and how did it feel afterward?"

INTRODUCTION

Acts 2:22-41 captures Peter's bold sermon at Pentecost, where he proclaims the gospel of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to a convicted crowd. Once cowardly disciples, now empowered by the Holy Spirit, they declare the good news with confidence. The people respond, asking, "What shall we do?" Peter's answer—"Repent and be baptized"—leads to thousands trusting in Christ. This passage shows us that the gospel is the power of God for salvation, and it demands our bold witness, fueled by the Spirit's presence in us.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Acts 2:22-24

Peter says Jesus was “delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God” and “raised up” by Him. What does this teach us about God’s sovereignty and the trustworthiness of the gospel?

Read: Acts 2:32-36

How does Peter connect Jesus’ resurrection to the fulfillment of Scripture (David’s prophecy)? How might this give us confidence to share the gospel today?

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

In v. 36, Peter declares Jesus as “both Lord and Christ.” Why are both these words important? Why is this truth central to the gospel message, and how does it challenge us personally?

Read: Acts 2:37-41

The crowd is “cut to the heart” and asks, “What shall we do?” How does their response show the gospel’s power to convict? What keeps us from boldly sharing this same message?

APPLICATION

- Peter was bold by the Spirit's power. How can the Spirit help us boldly proclaim the gospel?
- Who is your "ONE"? Who is one person in your life you can invite to hear the gospel? How can you prepare yourself to proclaim it clearly?
- For non-Christians: Consider Peter's words—"Repent and be baptized... for the forgiveness of your sins." What might it look like for you to respond to this promise today?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the gospel and the Holy Spirit's empowering presence. Pray for boldness to share the good news and for those in your life who need to hear it.

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