

Acts 2.1-41

1. The Spirit's coming at Pentecost certainly feels like a new development for the people of God at the time, and it was. At the same time, Peter tries to demonstrate in his sermon that this was actually just God fulfilling the promise that He made a long time ago through the prophets. They were witnessing the faithfulness of God in action as He was keeping His word.

- a. What are some of the promises that God makes to us in His word that you have seen fulfilled in your own life?
- b. Are there any specific promises of His that you are currently waiting for Him to fulfill right now?

2. Pastor Mike made the comment that sometimes we are holding out for God to fulfill a promise that He hasn't actually made in His word. They aren't a promise, just something that we want or expect him to do for us.

- a. Has that every happened to you? Have you been counting on God to do something for you, and eventually realized that what you were waiting for is just something that you want and not something that God has promised to give you? If so, how did you come to that realization and how did that change things for you?
- b. Can you think of any examples of things that we commonly believe that God promises to us, that He actually doesn't?
- c. When you find yourself in this situation where you realize that something you want deeply isn't something that God has promised you, what do you do with that? How do you deal with that situation without getting angry or even bitter towards God?

3. We all go through seasons where we find it difficult to actually trust in or believe in God's promises.

- a. Have you ever thought you were acting out of trust in God, but then realized that you weren't? If so, what helped you realize that you weren't actually trusting in God's promises?
- b. Have you ever been in a situation where you found that weren't trusting in God's promises, and you knew it, but you just found it difficult to actually believe that God was going to keep His word to you? If so, what was (or is) the situation and what made (or makes) it so hard for you to trust God in this area?
- c. How did God help you or teach you to trust Him in this area? In other words, how do we grow in our faith in an area of unbelief? What have you learned about this from your walk with God?