

The Response

Acts 2: 29-47

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Empowered

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

The gifts and work of the Holy Spirit are boundless. Sometimes He moves in power through the outward working of His gifts, sometimes it's a slower process of transforming our character to display His fruit. As we study through the second half of Peter's message on the day of Pentecost, we uncover how the Holy Spirit moves through the unlikely apostle to expand the early church and beyond. May today's message encourage and re-energize you in your journey of Simply Responding to Jesus.

REALIZE

1. Be unapologetic About Our Faith.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 2:29-47; Psalms 110:1; 2 Timothy 4:2
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Is there any area of your life where the Lord is asking you to boldly proclaim your faith in Christ? Share with the group what that might look like for you.

2. Radically Respond.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 2:29-47; Mark 1:15
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How is God asking you to radically respond to the Holy Spirit's leading in your current season of life?

3. Remain Steadfast.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 2:29-47
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - We see that the early church was steadfast in four main areas: the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. Share one of the areas that you currently feel strong in and one area that you sense the Lord asking you to grow in steadfastness.

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?