GROWTH GUIDE

<u>For you. Your family. Your group.</u>

SERMON OUTLINE

- 1. The Word of God is preached. Acts 2:14-21
- 2. The work of Jesus is proclaimed. Acts 2:22-35
- 3. The hearts of hearers are convicted. Acts 2:36-37
- 4. The souls of believers are saved. Acts 2:38-41

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. Looking back at your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 2. Why did Peter speak from the prophet Joel? How would that have been understood by those hearing it on that day? What does that show us what they believed about the writings of the Old Testament?
- 3. What place of prominence does the Word of God hold in your life? What would you point to as evidence for your answer?
- 4. Review as a group what was said about Jesus? What stands out to you about this telling of his life, death, and resurrection?
- 5. The response of the hearers is a great model for us in studying God's Word (What does it say? What does it mean? What must I do?). Which of these questions would be most helpful for you to emphasize in your study? Are any of these lacking?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

- 1. Have you believed in Jesus as your Lord and Savior? When did this happen in your life? Have you been baptized as a believer? When? Are there any next steps you are feeling led to take?
- 2. How can you learn from Peter's boldness and clarity with which he shares the gospel?

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Pray for hearts to respond to the simple message of God's love demonstrated through Christ.
- 2. Pray for boldness to proclaim the Gospel at every opportunity.
- 3. Pray for soft hearts that are quick to be convicted when the Spirit is leading.