



Week 3 | STEPPING UP

 OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we gather around Your Word, open our hearts and ears to hear You speak to us. Holy Spirit, give us understanding, courage, and a fresh focus on Jesus today. Shape us, not just in what we know, but in how we live as a witness for you in this world.

 OPENING QUESTION
(OPTIONAL)

Have you ever had a moment where you surprised yourself by stepping up when you least expected to?



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Acts 2:14-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.[b] 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams;

18 even on my male servants and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

20 the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus,[c] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25 For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

35 until I make your enemies your footstool."

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

DISCUSSION & DISCOVERY

1. Peter Steps up (verse 14–21)

Key Insight: Peter—the denier—becomes Peter—the declarer. The difference isn't confidence or competence; it's the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

- What stands out to you about Peter speaking publicly after his failure?
- How does this reshape the way we think about leadership, influence, or sharing our faith?

Takeaway: Leadership in God's kingdom isn't about perfection—it's about availability and obedience, even after failure.

2. Peter Proclaims Jesus (verse 22–36)

Key Insight: Peter's sermon is clear, Scripture-rooted, and Jesus-centred. It's not motivational—it's declarative.

Brief Observation: Peter's message follows a clear gospel pattern:

1. Jesus' life and miracles
2. Jesus' death under God's plan
3. Jesus' resurrection foretold in Scripture
4. Jesus' exaltation and authority
5. Jesus as Lord and Messiah

Discussion Questions:

- Why is it important that the gospel stays centred on who Jesus is, not on us?
- How can Scripture give us confidence when we talk about faith?

Takeaway: Bold proclamation isn't loud or aggressive—it's clear, faithful, and centred on Jesus.

3: The people respond (verse 37–41)

Key Insight: When the Word is preached, and the Spirit is at work, hearts are changed—not manipulated.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean that the people were "cut to the heart"?
- How is Peter's response both gracious and challenging?

Missional Reflection:

- Peter didn't pressure people—he proclaimed truth and trusted the Spirit.
- Transformation followed obedience, not persuasion techniques.

Takeaway: Our role is faithfulness. God's role is transformation.

APPLICATION:

Invite the group to reflect personally and then share with either a partner or the group.

- Where might God be inviting you to step up, even if you feel unqualified?
- Who is one person God may be prompting you to speak to—not perfectly, but faithfully?

PRAYER AND MINISTRY TIME

Take time to pray together for:

- A fresh filling of the Holy Spirit
- Boldness to witness
- Healing, renewal, and courage
- Deeper unity within the lifegroup and the church

Encourage one another to come before God with open hearts, trusting Him to empower ordinary people for His extraordinary purposes.

WEEKLY PRACTICE

Scripture-First Practice

Why: Peter's boldness was rooted in Scripture, not opinion.

Weekly Practice:

- Encourage each Life Group member to read one short Scripture passage before the week begins (e.g. Acts 2, a Psalm, or the Gospel reading from Sunday).
- Ask one simple question:
"What does this show me about who Jesus is?"

Missional Step:

Share how your prayer for that one person from last time is going? Has anyone been able to connect and start a Gospel conversation with their one person that they are praying for? (Open for testimony)

Take some time to pray for those one's and one another as we walk through this journey together.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, fill us afresh and send us out as bold, faithful witnesses for Jesus.