

Do you Believe you must Participate? Aug. 28/29, 2022

- Your life moves in the direction of your strongest beliefs.
- What must I believe to follow Jesus?
 1. Jesus was sent by God and this was shown by his miracles.
 2. It was God's plan for Jesus to die on the cross so our sins could be forgiven
 3. Jesus rose again to prove his power to transform lives.
 4. Jesus is both God and King
- Acts 2:37-41 - ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"
³⁸ Peter replied, "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 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."
⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.
- 5th essential belief: You must participate.
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- Are you in agreement with God about the reality of your life?
- "Brothers, what shall we do?"
- Is your belief in Jesus strong enough to move you in his direction?
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- Are you listening to the Holy Spirit in your soul?
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- Big question: Will you participate?

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Starter: Were you ever rescued? Did you participate in your own rescue?

Dig Deeper:

1. Read Acts 2:37-41
2. In your opinion, what were the reasons people were "cut to the heart?"

3. Give Peter's audience credit. They were moved to ask, "What do we do?" Why do you think followers of Jesus fail to ask that question?
4. Describe someone you have seen change once they began to follow Jesus. What made them change?
5. To be baptized in the name of Jesus means to baptism is a way to identify with Jesus. How might Jesus followers today recapture this public identification?
6. The Holy Spirit is received when a person repents and accepts Jesus. How do you experience the Holy Spirit speaking to you? What messages does he give you?