SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

- **Those who heard Peter's message at Pentecost saw the glory of God and were cut to the heart.** They cried out to Peter, "What are we to do?" Peter told them their only response was to "Repent and identify with Jesus in baptism." What does it mean to repent? Have you ever truly turned from your old way of living to put your trust in Jesus? Today, let the glory of God in Jesus Christ's death for you humble your pride and repent and believe in what Jesus has done for you on the cross.

- **How is your devotion to the truth?** When the word is preached or a community group is led, what is your attitude toward it? Do you just want the minimum? Do you critically test every word that someone speaks looking for error or inadequate communication? Could it be that you aren't devoted to the teaching of the truth, because you have forgotten that you were in that crowd calling for Jesus' crucifixion just like everyone else?

- **In what areas do you see togetherness forming in your heart with others who also unite around the Apostles doctrine (the truth about Jesus)?** The early church had togetherness, but they had to work it in to their body. What would working at fellowship look like for you?

- **True Worship is a test of authentic Christians!** People who believe they are Christian because they live good lives don't praise God—they praise themselves. In coming to church, they praise themselves--they have done a good deed. They have turned themselves around. It is their activity. But, those who have come into life changing contact with the glory of God in the gospel of Jesus *praise* God, because they realize that this change is the result of God's action…in spite of themselves. So…can you? Do you praise God? How? How can you grow in the other aspects of doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread by praising more effectively?

- **This church saw such amazing growth personally and evangelistically, because they were totally affected by the glory of God.** How heavy is God in your life? What areas of your life do not reflect that God is heavier than you?

TODAY'S NOTES