

# How to Begin a Relationship with God

To begin a personal relationship with God, please consider these four fundamental truths from the Bible:

- (1) God loves you and wants you to enjoy a forever relationship with Him. (John 3:16)
- (2) Failure to live up to God's standard of holy perfection (sin) has resulted in separation from God that will last forever for everyone who does not believe. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
- (3) To solve the problem of sin that separates you from God, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for your sin by dying on the cross. (1 Peter 3:18)
- (4) Everyone who makes a personal decision to trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior from sin receives forgiveness from sin and enters God's forever family. (John 1:12)

If you want to make the decision today to begin a relationship with God, you can express your faith in Christ by personally praying the following:

*“Father, thank You for loving me and wanting a relationship with me. I admit that I have sinned and that I need a Savior. I believe that Your Son, Jesus, died on the cross to pay for my sins. I trust Jesus alone as my Savior. Thank You for making me part of your family.”*

If you made a decision today to trust in Jesus as your Savior, let us know by indicating on the communication card OR by telling a pastor. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your first steps in this new relationship.



## The Tension –

- The Gospel is both the \_\_\_\_\_ point and the \_\_\_\_\_ point of the Christian Church.
- The Gospel can be neglected as the central source of our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as the Church both individually and corporately.

## The Text –

- Intro- Acts 2:14-15
- God's Revelation Of The Gospel- Acts 2:16-36
- People's Response To The Gospel- Acts 2:37-41

## The Takeaway–

- I must daily embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel that I am a sinner in need of God's grace. = \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- I must daily receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel that I am loved and forgiven because of Christ's sacrifice. = \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Study

(1) Read Acts 1:8 and Acts 2:14. How is Peter directly fulfilling what Jesus said the disciples would do? \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) Read Acts 2:16-36. Write down observations of Peter's historical review of God's revelation. What is Peter trying to accomplish through this? \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) Read Acts 2:37. What is the people's initial response to this revelation? Why do you think they responded this way? \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) Read Acts 2:38. What specifically does Peter ask the people to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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(5) Read Acts 2:39-40. Peter is communicating a shift in faith that is taking place generationally and is impacting future generations...why is this significant? \_\_\_\_\_

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(6) Read I Corinthians 15:1-8. Describe in your words what Paul is communicating about the Gospel. \_\_\_\_\_

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(7) Read Colossians 1:6. What does this passage indicate about the Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personal Application

(1) Would you say that the Gospel is central to your identity and purpose? In what ways? \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) How would you describe the role the Gospel plays in the American Church today? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) Do you tend to lean towards moralism or relativism in your life? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) Was there a time you were confronted by your sin and responded with true brokenness and repentance? How have you been doing lately? \_\_\_\_\_

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(5) Was there a time you became truly aware of the grace of the Gospel? How is it affecting you today? \_\_\_\_\_

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(6) What would help you to maintain a centralized view of the Gospel in your every day life? \_\_\_\_\_

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(7) Who do you know that needs to be impacted by the truth and love of the Gospel? Pray for them and share it with them! \_\_\_\_\_

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