

Sunday, September 19

## **SERMON STUDY**

1. Read Joel 2: 28-32 and Ezekiel 36: 26-27. In Acts 2 we read of the fulfillment of those prophecies. Why was it so important for the apostles to receive the Holy Spirit before they began their public ministry? See also Luke 24:49.
2. Why do you think some believed the apostles to be drunk? See Acts 2:13-15.
3. Why do you think those who listened to Peter in Jerusalem were "*cut to the heart*"? See Acts 2:37.
4. Repentance and faith comes before the reception of the Spirit. What would you say to someone who wanted to receive the Holy Spirit but did not wish to repent of their sin or to submit to the lordship of Christ? See Acts 2:38.
5. What do you think Peter meant in Acts 2:40 when he said "*save yourselves from this corrupt generation?*" Are Christians meant to withdraw from the world?
6. What are some of the idols in our society today?
7. Peter describes who Christians are in God's eyes in 1 Peter 2:9-10. What does it mean to say that "*Christians should be who they are*"?
8. How important is the church? See Acts 2: 42-47. In what ways was the church one body?
9. The early believers did not regard this world as their home. Why not? See 1 Peter 2:11.