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Original Message Date: May 24, 2020

Message Title: Cut to the heart

This weeks primary Biblical text: Acts 2:25-37

Supporting scriptures: Psalm 16:8-11, Psalm 132:11, Psalm 110

This weeks memory challenge: Acts 2:36 *“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”*

Reading for next week: Acts 2:36-41

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What is Peter’s purpose in referencing multiple Old Testament prophecies?

Read Psalm 16:8-11.

- Why does Peter argue this Psalm is about the Messiah? How does Jesus alone fulfill this prophecy?

- Describe the relationship the speaker in Psalm 16:8-11 has with The Lord.

In Acts 2:27, what is meant by the “Realm of the dead”? In his message, Pastor Ethan asserted that the greatest ‘threat’ of death is not punishment in hell, but separation from the goodness, glory, and presence of God. Do you agree? Why or why not? Why might this distinction be important?

Read Acts 2:29-36. For each of the big points from Pastor Ethan’s message, reflect on why these are important—both to the people in the crowd that day, and to the church today.

- Jesus, as a descendant of David, is a fulfillment of the prophecy in Psalm 132:11

- In the crowd that day, there were widespread witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus.
- Jesus is exalted to the 'right hand' of the father
- Jesus is the means by which the Holy Spirit comes to believers, as the Father accomplishes His work through Jesus
- As a fulfillment of Psalm 110:1, Jesus is completely victorious
- Jesus is Lord!

Re-read Psalm 16:8-11. As followers of Christ, how does this Psalm describe the hope and reality that is also true of us?

In Acts 2:37, Luke records that the people were 'cut to the heart'. How is God using this scripture in your heart, in your life? If He is, how will you answer the question also in verse 37... "*what shall I do?*"

What's your biggest takeaway from today's message?

What's your biggest question from today's message?