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Peter's hearers are "cut to the heart." What does this phrase indicate about their response to his message?

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When have you felt "cut to the heart"? What was the outcome of that experience?

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Peter calls his hearers to "repent and be baptized." How are these two acts connected? Why are they the proper response to being "cut to the heart"?

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Do we invite others to "repent and be baptized" when we share the gospel with them? Is this the same as "asking Jesus into your heart"? What kind of language do we use about how to respond to the gospel?

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What are the most important features of the two gifts believers will receive: forgiveness and the Holy Spirit? Is it possible to receive just one or the other? Why must we understand them as linked?

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Peter proclaims that “the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off.” Who all does this include? Why is it important to understand the promise as both generationally and geographically propulsive?

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The hearers in this passage are exhorted to “save [themselves] from this crooked generation.” Does this mean only the wicked cohort of people who predominated at this moment in history? In what sense would repentance and baptism save believers from their generation? What attitude should we take concerning our own crooked generation?

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The account of the Pentecost narrative that began with the arrival of the Holy Spirit ends with the baptism of 3,000 people. How has this account as a whole pointed to the way in which the Spirit moves? Is this experience meant to be prescriptive or descriptive? To what degree can we expect to see this kind of movement today?

