



**Questions for further study**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup> '18**  
**Baptism Acts 2:37-41**

1. Read Acts 3:37-41

- i) What is the context for this passage? Who's speaking? Who's he speaking to? What's just happened? etc
- ii) What can you see in what Peter says that shows that Jesus' promises in John 14:26, 15:26 and Acts 1:8 have been fulfilled?
- iii) What encouragement can we draw from this passage?
- iv) This passage demonstrates the effect of God's word - see Hebrews 4:12. Can you think of an example in your own life when God's word has had this effect?

2. *'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'* v 38

i) What does the word "repent" mean?

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This was a core part of Jesus' early teaching - Matthew 4:17. What is the link between God's Kingdom & repentance? What is the fruit of repentance?

ii) Forgiveness. What does Ephesians 1:7 & Colossians 2:13,14 teach us about how forgiveness can be ours?

Why do you think it is so important to remember that repentance & forgiveness are so inextricably linked?

iii) Baptism. Share together why you think your baptism was an important milestone on your faith journey.

iv) We talked about the list of "beginning things" in the Christian life.

- Repentance
- Becoming part of God's family
- Forgiveness of sins
- Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Getting baptised

See John 1:12; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:44-48; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13.

Discuss the significance of each of these elements.

(If you want to follow up the question about whether Acts 3:38 teaches that baptism is necessary for salvation, visit

[www.gotquestions.org/baptism-Acts-2-38.html](http://www.gotquestions.org/baptism-Acts-2-38.html) )

Please pray for the Alpha Course that starts next Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Is there someone you could invite?