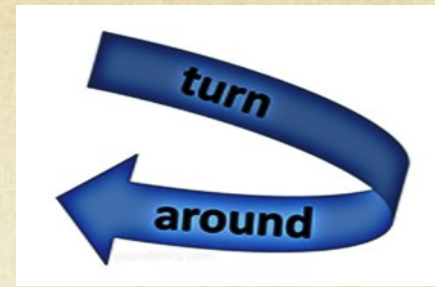
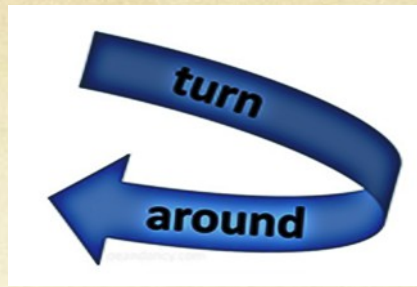
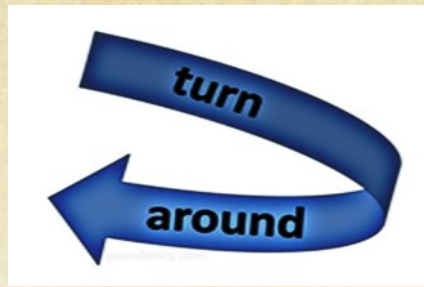


# How would you summarise Acts 2?





***38 Peter replied, “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. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”***

***40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (Acts 2:38-41).***

**The marks 'of the first Spirit-filled community ... all concerned the church's relationships.**

**First, they were related to the apostles (in submission). They were eager to receive the apostles' instruction. A Spirit-filled church is an apostolic church, a New Testament church anxious to believe and obey what Jesus and his apostles taught.**

**Secondly, they were related to each other (in love). They persevered in the fellowship, supporting each other and relieving the needs of the poor. A Spirit-filled church is a loving, caring, sharing church.**

**Thirdly, they were related to God (in worship). They worshipped him in the temple and in the home, in the Lord's Supper and in the prayers with joy and with reverence. A Spirit-filled church is a worshipping church.**

**Fourthly, they were related to the world (in outreach). They were engaged in continuous evangelism. No self-centred, self-contained church (absorbed in its own parochial affairs) can claim to be filled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a missionary Spirit. So a Spirit-filled church is a missionary church.'** ('The Message of Acts' by John Stott).

**‘Our responsibility is to humble ourselves before [the Holy Spirit’s] sovereign authority, to determine not to quench him, but to allow him his freedom.’**

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