Message to Taupo Baptist by Peter Foster 18 Jan 2026

Peter suggested six goals for Taupo Baptist Church that reflect Spirit-filled discipleship

1. Become a praying church. All moves of God are birthed in prayer.

2. Become a listening church. Listening to what the Spirit is saying.

3. Become a reading church – reading God's Word. A month of reading Scripture together every day?

4. Become a sharing church. Everybody has a personal story about Jesus. Share your story twice this year?

5. Become a church that campaigns for justice. Practical redistribution (discretionary fund). Luke 4.

6. Become a church that cares for our neighbours. Do we know them? Are we hospitable?

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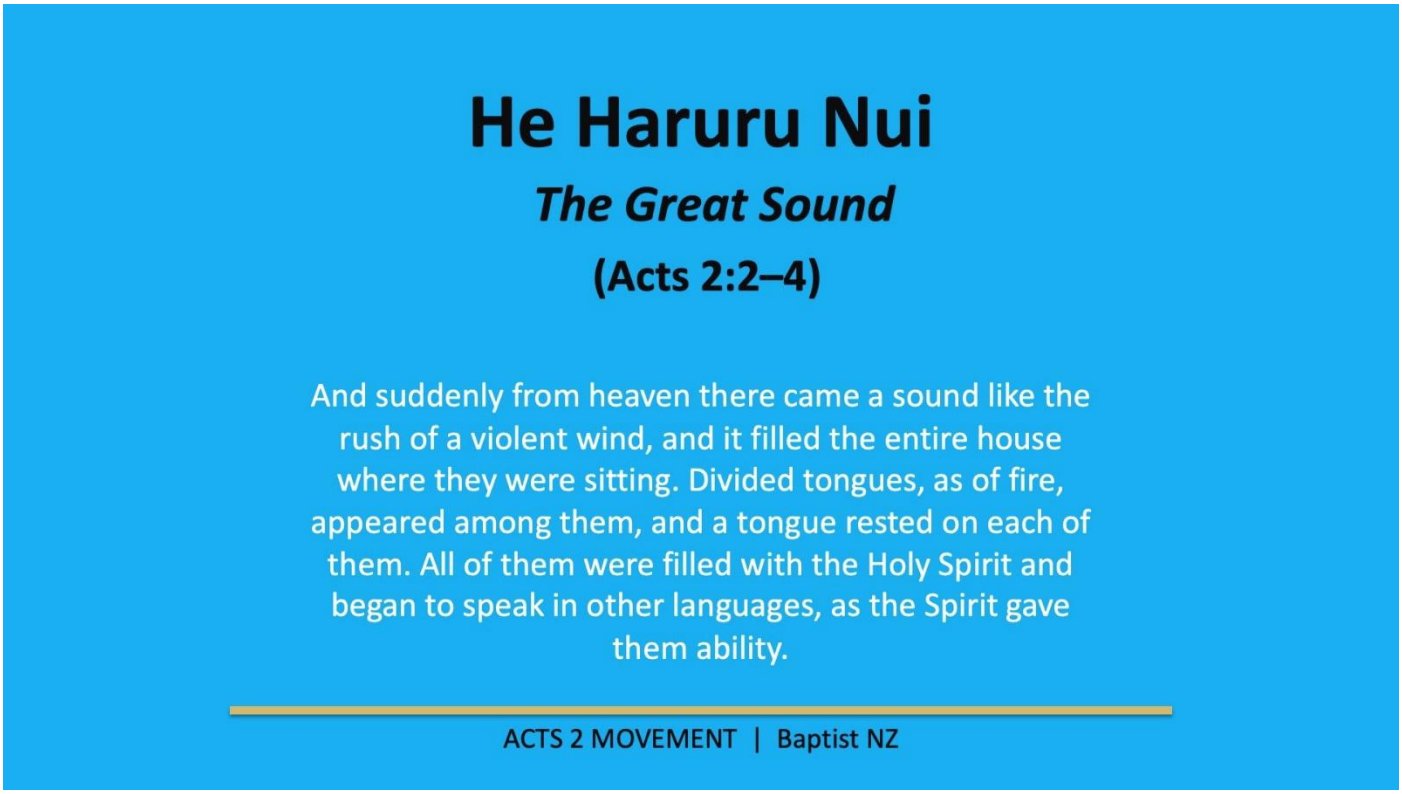

Acts 2:41-47

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

First, Second and Third

You become a Praying / Reading / Listening church
Acts 2:42

Forth

Your Story
Acts 2: 41

Number five

Justice as discipleship

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
Luke 4

Number 6

Become neighbourly …

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Do we want to be part of a Spirit-filled community, engaging in genuine discipleship?

How do we respond to Peter's suggestion of six goals?

How does this fit with our vision to be transformed through following Christ?

Our church is holding prayer and intercession meetings on the 3rd Sunday night of every month, 7pm till 8pm. Also Zoom prayer every Monday and prayer meetings every Sunday morning at 9am and 9:30am. Is the Lord nudging you to be part of the growing culture of prayer at Taupo Baptist?

Big Idea

Spirit-filled discipleship looks like a devoted community practicing justice, telling the story of your salvation, praying, caring, while all being soaked in Scripture—day by day.