

## Life Group Questions

For week of March 9th

**The Common Thread: There is a Holy God who lovingly pursues a relationship with His creation, Man.**

### **Big Picture**

Jesus' commission to make disciples/be His witnesses.

Jesus is Lord of the mission.

The Holy Spirit comes to live in disciples.

Disciples are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The gospel is preached.

Thousands respond, repent, and are baptized.

Personal Transformation (Fruit of the Spirit).

### **The Mission**

Matthew 28,16-20 Acts 1:1-9

### **Personal**

### **Authority**

### **Looks outward**

### **Continual**

### **No plan B**

### **Baptism is an obedient response to following Christ.**

Acts 2:41, 8:12, 10:47-48; 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:3-10,  
Colossians 2:12

### **MY STORY**

How do you think the average person would respond to the statement, "When you decide to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes into you and begins to change you from the inside out"?

Can you think of a place or situation where you typically seem most tuned-in to God's Spirit guiding, speaking or encouraging you? (Examples: time alone, listening to a sermon, personal study, talking or processing with others, etc.)

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

The Holy Spirit changes us and works in our lives. Galatians 5:16-26 adds to this picture of the Holy Spirit at work. As you read this passage, can you identify a time in your life (past or recent) when the Holy Spirit was challenging you to grow and/or change in any of the areas mentioned here? If so, explain.

Most of us have encountered the pleasant surprise of benefitting from a co-worker or family member's gift or ability you had forgotten about or didn't know they had. The same can be true of the Holy Spirit. As you read the passages below, how do they remind you of, and help you understand, the role of the Holy Spirit?

John 16:8-13

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-13

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Acts 9:31

Romans 8:26-27

God has sent his Spirit to teach, encourage and guide us just as Jesus had during His time here on earth. Unlike Jesus, we have "static on the line" because of our sin, which can cause us to misread, not be aware of, or even blatantly reject the Spirit's guidance. How do the following verses help us combat falling into this trap?

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Acts 17:11

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Proverbs 12:15

## **The Holy Spirit Changes Our:**

Luke 24:49-53, Matthew 28:16-20

Understanding

Desires

Spiritual Power

## **The Purpose Of The Holy Spirit:**

Acts 1:1-26, John 14:15-26, John 16:7-11

You can't serve God without Him.

Acts 1:4-8, John 15:4-6, John 8:27-30

The Holy Spirit came to change your life, not fix it.

Acts 1:6, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:1-10

The Spirit is not simply an experience, He's a new way of life.

Acts 1:8, Romans 5:10, Galatians 2:20, Romans 8:5-9, 1 John 2:27

His primary purpose is to exult God...not us.

Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 1:7-9, Matthew 5:13-16

## **Questions to Ponder:**

How do I know if I have the Holy Spirit?

How do I know if the Spirit is at work in my life?

What do I do with the Holy Spirit?

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