

LEADER TIPS & NOTES

Leader Guide

As a disciple maker, do you know what your part is with the spiritually dead, infant, child, young adult and parent? If you are unsure, contact your community pastor.

BEFORE GROUP: Your role as a leader before group starts

- Read through the curriculum: This will help if you need to re-word any questions to better suit your group. Choose the questions you want the group to discuss.
- Read the necessary passages each week
- Recognize what God is showing you. Think through how this impacts your own four relational spheres.
- ▶ • Do you know where each person in the group is spiritually? (*spiritually dead, infant, child, young adult, parent.*)
- What is your part as you walk with them?
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Go to www.leducalliancechurch.org/events and choose the top 2-3 announcements that would benefit your group members. Also, use this time to give any announcements that are specific to your home group.
1. _____ 2. _____
- **SERMON:** *Awareness & Preparation* _____
 - What did I hear in this week's sermon?
 - How might this week's sermon hit each person in my group?

AFTER GROUP: Your role as a leader after group

- **INTENTIONAL LEADER ACTIONS:** *Shepherding, Connecting, Chasing, Reaching:*
 - Who am I intentionally praying for this week? Who needs me to pray with them?
 - This week, who do I need to have a follow up conversation with from group?
 - Who was absent from group or from service? Determine the next step you need to take to help them stay connected.
 - Who do I need to call this week?
 - Who am I inviting to group? How am I regularly encouraging group members to invite unconnected people? Is my group growing a heart for lost people?

DURING THE WEEK: Read the chapter during the week before the sermon and home group. Make time daily with God to know Him and His heart through time in His Word, Listening, Prayer and Reflection.

LEADERS NOTES

This material is to spur questions and discussion let the Holy Spirit guide the conversation. You DO NOT have to "get through" all the material. But to affirm the "point" of the lesson.

BIG IDEA

What does it mean to be **fervent**? Are we? At work, Home, Church, Family

Why would you not want to be bound to Him, if the God of the universe could reside in you today?

Suggested reading list for this year:

Holy Fire, R.T. Kendall
The Forgotten God,
- Francis Chan

40 Days with the Holy Spirit, R.T. Kendall
Bible Reading Plan- **Life Journal**

- Open In Prayer

- **Announcements:** Gals Meeting Paint with Pat, Mens Breakfast out coming. Sign Up For Guess Whose Coming To Dinner Hearing God Sundays 9am. Get everyone to fill out sheet or pass around each persons email, text/ Telephone number to stay in communication. Also to Share prayer requests etc.

Follow up and review last weeks discussion, What was it about? What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work with your family?

Last Weeks KEY Point: The Holy Spirit has been given to each person who has believed upon Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. He manifests Himself though, **only as we obey God and His Word**. Obedience thus leads to the manifestation of the Spirit whether through speech, conversation, works of power, miracles and healings.

Is there any points or questions arising from Lasts weeks discussion-?

This Weeks Story: Filling of the Spirit

Read out loud : Acts 2:4, Acts 2; Acts 20:22-23

Key Point: Quote: Pastor and Dr. Rob Reimer says this about the Spirit, *The best way for God to give us the gift of His fullness is to give us the gift of Himself. The fullness of God is found in the person of God, so God gives us His Spirit to dwell in us so that we can have access to the fullness of God.* -River Dwellers, pg. 23

The baptism of the Holy Spirit was the turning point for the early church. They moved from bumbling to a spiritual force when they accepted and moved in the Spirit.

The Turning Point - The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Ask - is there is a difference between being baptized in the Holy Spirit and receiving the Holy Spirit. Get the groups ideas of what these two are._____

Receiving the Holy Spirit

-every believer upon **believing and recieving** Jesus Christ's gift of grace, receives the Holy Spirit. This is called **regeneration**, or our 'new birth'; being 'born again'.

-Jesus responded to Nicodemus, a Pharisees and teacher of the Law, when confused about Jesus origin and being born again,-John 3:3-8

-**being born again** is to have the **Holy Spirit in you**, in fact, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity of God.

This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us: **READ:** -1 John 4:13-15 -1 Cor. 1:21-22

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit or The Anointing

-the Baptism of the Holy Spirit has been referred to in many ways:

Andrew Murray, A.B. Simpson, and A.W. Tozer refered to it as part of "the Deeper Life"

The apostle Luke as "the filling of the Spirit" (Acts 2:4)

Spirit "falling on them" (Acts 10:44)

Spirit "poured out" (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17)

"a second blessing"

Baptism of the Holy Spirit -Jesus and John the Baptist (Mt. 3:11; Acts 1:5) or as "The Anointing"

Evidences of Being Baptized in the Spirit

Bold Witness (Acts 1:8 ; 4:13; 4:19, 20; Acts 5)

Power (Acts 1:8)

Healing (Acts 3; 4:8-10; Acts 6:8)

to Love (Romans 5:5)

Joy or joyfulness (Eph. 5:19; 1 Peter 1:8; Acts 13:52)

Submission (Eph. 5:19)

Christlikeness (Gal. 5:22-26)

fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Growing understanding of the Word (Jn. 16:12-15)

Prophecy (Acts 2:16-18)

Prophecy is an inspired utterance where we hear God's whispers and proclaim them to others (Reimer, River Dwellers, pg. 36).

People walking in the fullness of God's Spirit hear His voice. God said when He poured out His Spirit, people would hear His voice.

How?

Visions (Acts 9:10-12; 10)

Word (Acts 16; 19; 21)

Hearing God speak is a clear indicator that you are living in the fullness of the Spirit.

Peter in Acts 2 teaches that prophecy is for all people. Hearing God speak is the mark of the Spirit having been poured out on our lives. -Acts 2:17-18

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you,

What is God asking you to do about today's discussion? Who will you allow to hold you accountable to this?

For you personally, what do you need to adjust in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center?

CONCLUDE

with a prayer time
also ask if there has been any answers to past prayer

-**simply the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is another encounter with *the Holy Spirit beyond salvation, when a person receives and believes upon Jesus.***

-Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the disciples **READ:** John 20:21-22,

-interesting, *Jesus is sending His disciples into the world to share the Gospel, He gives them the Holy Spirit to do so.*

-this takes place after Jesus' death and resurrection. Important to know because the Spirit was not present with man, in him, until given to man until after Jesus' death and resurrection. Up until that point, they had God with them physically in Jesus, but did not have Him living in them. Now they do.

Read the Passages out loud

Acts 1:4-5, -Jesus then tells them to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit,

-In Acts 2:4 we read that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus said they would, and as the Father promised,

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a Gift of God -a gift can either be received or rejected. The question to ask oneself is why or why not, would I choose to accept this gift of God?

-Jesus says in Luke 11:13 to ask for the Spirit,

ASK: Have you had a second encounter with the Holy Spirit?

Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Have you received the promise of God the Father?

Have you received His gift?

Ask: for a few people to Share their Experience briefly.

The "filling of the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18) has to do with the Spirit's control of our lives. -to be filled by something, in Scripture, means "to be controlled by".

-we are commanded to be filled, and we can be if we will yield all to Christ and ask Him for the Spirit's filling.

-this is a **repeated** exercise, for one constantly needs to be filled with spiritual power to glorify Christ.

"To be baptized by the Spirit means that we belong to Christ's body. To be filled with the Spirit means that our bodies belong to Christ." -W.Wiersbe, BEC, pg. 608

-the evidence of the Spirit's baptism at conversion is the witness of the Spirit within, not "speaking in tongues" (Romans 8:14-16).

If you have Time Read the side bar for Evidence of Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Finish the discussion with these questions;

ASK: Why do we need both blessings?

What is the purpose to be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

Ask How Can we be filled with Holy Spirit today?

Listen To Him

Ask For the indwelling.

Read His Word Daily

Obey HIS prompting in your Life as you

Listen, Ask, and Read