



See Your Helper

WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

In the third message of the *SpiritualEYES* series, we will learn that we can experience a deeper love for Jesus and see life-changing results as we welcome the Holy Spirit's abiding presence and power in our lives.

Discussion Questions

The world is hungry for the reality of the unseen realm which can be demonstrated by the power of the Holy Spirit. **1 Thessalonians 1:5a** says, **For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance.** He did not come merely with words, but in a demonstration of power.

Paul also says in **1 Corinthians 2:4-5**: **And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.**

The key to transformation in our lives is the power of the Holy Spirit. We, as a church, not only have a message, but we can introduce people to an encounter and ongoing relationship with the living God.

- Why is having the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives so important?
- How have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit?

How we can be filled with the Holy Spirit:

1. The Promises:

Jesus promised to baptize His followers in the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 3:11**). **Acts 1:8** says we will be marked as God's witnesses when the Holy Spirit comes on us: **"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

There is a promise of power to the believer who chooses to live filled with the Holy Spirit.

- Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? If so, share what your life was like before and after.

2. **The Problems:**

There are some misconceptions about the person and power of the Holy Spirit. For a long time, The Holy Spirit has been:

- A. **Ignored.** - Some people don't want to talk about Him. The Holy Spirit ends up being overlooked and ignored.
- B. **Misunderstood.** - He is seen as an "it" instead of a person. **John 16:13** says: **"However, when *He*, the Spirit of truth, has come, *He* will guide you into all truth; for *He* will not speak on His own authority, but whatever *He* hears *He* will speak; and *He* will tell you things to come."**
- C. **Resisted.**
People can become cautious and fearful of being labeled because of charismatic extremes. We can't let people going to extremes devalue our dependence on the power of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
 - How can you speak truth to someone who ignores, misunderstands, and/or resists the Holy Spirit?

3. **The Practical Fulfillment:**

The fulfillment of the promise of God's power is found in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In **Acts 2**, the Holy Spirit is poured out on the early believers. Yet in **Acts 4**, that same group of people were filled with the Spirit again. **Acts 4:31: And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.** These were believers who had already been filled with the Spirit, yet because of the challenges they were facing, they knew they needed a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit. We can believe in Jesus but still not walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

How do we receive? Ask.

Luke 11:13 says, **"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"**

- Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? If not, do you have any questions?

Life Challenge

Ask God to fill you or refill you with His Spirit. When you feel defeated, overworked, tired, or overwhelmed, ask for a fresh infilling of His Spirit to give you power to overcome the challenges you face.

Prayer

Thank You, God, for sending Your Spirit to empower us every day. Give us a fresh infilling of Your Spirit. We invite Your power and presence into our lives. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.