

The Holy Spirit

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Review

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Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:13; Matthew 3:11; John 1:33; Acts 1:4, 19:1–6

Discuss

1. Share a time when you had to wait on a promise from God. What happened?
2. Read Acts 1:4. Why were some of Jesus' last words before He ascended to heaven, "Wait for the Promise of the Father"?
3. Before Pastor Robert's message, what was your understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in our lives?
4. What do you think causes fear or a misunderstanding of the Holy Spirit?
5. Can you share a time you experienced the Holy Spirit working in your life?
6. Read Acts 19:1–6. What thoughts came to mind as you read these verses?
7. What does it mean to *receive* the Holy Spirit? How do we receive the Holy Spirit?
8. Have you received the Holy Spirit since you became a Christian? Take a moment to pray, and give everyone an opportunity to ask Jesus to baptize them with the Holy Spirit.
9. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- The Holy Spirit baptizes us into Christ.
- Disciples baptize us in water.
- Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we ask You to baptize us today with the Holy Spirit. Forgive us for having

preconceived thoughts and attitudes about You that are incorrect. As an act of faith, we receive You, precious Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Leader Tip

Your group has varying experiences related to the Holy Spirit. Don't let anyone miss out on receiving the Holy Spirit because they feel embarrassed or uncomfortable praying in a group setting. Offer a time after the group for anyone who wants to remain to receive prayer from you and other leaders in your group. Before your group meets, choose another trusted leader who will pray for anyone wanting to receive the Holy Spirit. Having a prayer partner will give you support and strength. Read Matthew 18:20 for encouragement about the principle of praying with a prayer partner.

Group Dynamics Idea

Consider coordinating your church attendance so your group can all sit together during a weekend service. One person might even want to arrive early to reserve seats. Meet before service for coffee or in the café or grab a meal afterward and enjoy fellowship.