

GENESIS STUDY QUESTIONS

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Be The Church: "The Spirit of God" Acts 1:4-7

LEADER PREPARATION

Question to be pondered: As the people of God, how does the Holy Spirit impact our faith?

The Big Idea: The Holy Spirit has empowered us to live out the gospel.

Leaders: This study may be challenging, as there are many questions surrounding the Holy Spirit. Many of these questions do not have definite answers. Our church believes that the Father and the Son gave the Holy Spirit to empower us. The Holy Spirit comes to live in us when we place our trust in Christ. The goal of this study is to help the group become aware of the power of the Holy Spirit as displayed throughout the Bible. They also will be challenged to understand how the Holy Spirit influences their walk of faith.

Getting Started

Have you ever experienced the work of the Holy Spirit? If so, share it with the group.

How did you know that it was the Holy Spirit and not humans?

Digging Deeper

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he commanded his apostles to go out into all nations and spread the gospel. However, they were not to leave until they received a gift from God.

Read Acts 1:4-8. What was the Father going to give to the apostles?

He was going to send the Holy Spirit.

How will the Holy Spirit influence their ministry?

The Holy Spirit will give them power to be witnesses for God throughout the earth (v.8).

Is the Holy Spirit an important part of your life and ministry?

Read Romans 8:9-11. How should the Holy Spirit impact your life as a believer?

Does your life currently display the power of God through the Holy Spirit?

Application

How do you want the Holy Spirit to influence your walk of faith?

Leaders: Encourage your group to brainstorm how they believe the Holy Spirit can impact their walk of faith. What would it look like practically?

If so, begin seeking God through prayer. Ask Him to open your eyes to the work and power of the Holy Spirit in your life.

CHALLENGE

Take time this week to gain a greater understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. (Examples: Search the book of Acts for testimonies of how the Spirit moves in the lives of believers. Seek out a mentor or pastor who can help answer some of your questions. Ask a friend to challenge you to recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.)