

Webinar Leader's Guide

















Question: Is our church creating opportunities for people to pursue a relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit?

THE INITIAL EVIDENCE: Speaking in tongues is the initial physical evidence in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is not a one-time event, but rather a continual infilling in the believer's life. It is a journey, a relationship that gets richer and richer.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? The Holy Spirit is not an "it" to be debated, and He is not a "ghost" to be feared, but He is the third member of the Godhead. When we say yes to Christ, the Holy Spirit takes residency in our life. Learning about Him and becoming comfortable with the Person of the Holy Spirit takes away the fear that prevents us from teaching others and praying for them to seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

WITH YOU and IN YOU: Teach the difference between the Holy Spirit WITH you and IN you. When we have an encounter with the Holy Spirit and are baptized, there is a shift in our relationship and the new relationship is dynamic!

WAIT ON HIM AND LEARN TO HEAR HIS VOICE: When you spend enough time with someone, you know their voice and you can distinguish it from other voices. In John 10:27, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Question: How are we modeling daily for people to seek Holy Spirit infilling every day? How are we witnesses to the ends of the earth with the next generation in mind? (Acts 1:8)

SOWING AND REAPING: Galatians 6:7 says, "whatever a man sows, that He will also reap." The seeds that we plant today determine the harvest that is coming to us in the future. When we daily follow the Spirit's leading, the fruit of the Spirit will be evident in our lives.

SELF-INVENTORY: Make a 21-day checklist to score yourself from 1 to 4 for how well you demonstrated the fruit of the Spirit that day. Did you walk in love? Did you have peace? What was your joy level? Were you patient and kind?

FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT: The gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit aren't ranked higher in importance over one another. Rather both are a product of the Holy Spirit and are equally needed for a person to experience the fullness of the Spirit. Too often people place a higher priority on the gifts of the Spirit and minimize the role of the fruit of the Spirit and character development in life.

THE DOOR: When ministering to someone, a simple entry into a conversation about the Holy Spirit could be to ask if the person has been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Explain that there are gifts and fruit available to them, and the doorway to these is the baptism in the Holy Spirit.



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Discussion Questions

Take a few minutes to continue this conversation with your team.

- 1. How do we view the Person of the Holy Spirit? Do we know His voice and follow His leading in our daily life?
- 2. Is the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23, NLT) evident in our life? "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" and are the gifts of the Spirit in operation in our lives as found in 1 Corinthians 12?
- 3. How are we *specifically* creating space for the Holy Spirit to work in our services, for every age group, so they can experience the Person of the Holy Spirit and His empowerment in their life?

Resource Highlights

- Asking for a Friend: Who is the Holy Spirit? (Doug Clay), myhealthychurch.com
- Now What? Baptism in the Holy Spirit (for kids, youth and adults), myhealthychurch.com
- Spread the Fire (Scott Wilson, John Bates), myhealthychurch.com
- The Word and the Spirit (David Hertweck), myhealthychurch.com
- Pentecost, This story is Our Story (Robert P. Menzies), myhealthychurch.com
- Introducing the Holy Spirit, Men's Ministries, https://men.ag.org/Targeted-Studies/The-Holy-Spirit
- Bible Fact-Pack Question Cards: https://myhealthychurch.com/store/startitem.cfm?item=177772
- Fire Bible (all ages): https://myhealthychurch.com/store/searchresults.cfm?Criteria=Fire+Bible&image.x=0&image.y=0
- Bible Engagement Project: https://bibleengagementproject.com/
- Radiant Life (Sunday School Curriculum): https://myhealthychurch.com/store/startcat.cfm?cat=sRADIANTLF&utm_source=https://www.google.com /&utm_medium=friendly-url&utm_campaign=
- Girls Ministries: https://ngm.ag.org/
- Royal Rangers: https://royalrangers.com
- MEGA Sports Camp: https://megasportscamp.com/