

Here are some talking points to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful discussion. **Start Thinking.** Ask questions to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why? **Talking About the** conversations; remember, you want others to do most of the talking. **NOTE: Pastor may not cover all points in all services.**

**Open:** We go back to the book of Acts because it is the original template for the principles and guidance for the church. We need to emulate the early church as detailed for us in Acts. The trend today in many churches (which some call the Progressive church) is to be “culturally relevant” and diminish the importance the bible, prayer, seeking the Lord and depending on the Holy Spirit. Studying Acts is getting back to basics.

1. What does it mean for the church to be truly relevant in our culture today? **A.** Don't stray from the truth of biblical doctrine and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us. The bible is “counter-cultural;” it goes against the grain. Keep doing what we know to be right and good. **Gal 6:9**
2. How does the church move forward? **A.** The Spirit of God works through the Word of God, in the people of God.
3. As we return to basics, what are the two commandments of God to which we must dedicate ourselves?  
**A. Matt 22:37-40** Love God and love our neighbor.
4. According to **Acts 19:2**, what question did Paul ask the disciples and why might he have asked the question?  
**A.** Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Paul may have sensed that something was missing in the disciples – there may have been something about their outward appearance such as a lack of enthusiasm & passion for the Lord and not living in the power of the Holy Spirit.
5. Review four things about the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. 1. He renews us - **Titus 3:4-5**; 2. He indwells us – **1Cor 3:16**; 3. He seals our salvation – **Eph 4:30**; 4. He is the guarantee of our salvation – **2Cor 5:5**
6. Review the two views/camps regarding **Acts 19:2** and spiritual gifts. 1. Cessationism: The belief that the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit ended with the disciples. 2. Continuationism: The gifts continue and are operational in believers today. This is the position of Calvary Church.
7. Is it possible to be saved and be filled with the Holy Spirit and still feel like there is a lack of power to do the ministry? **A.** Yes. We need the Holy Spirit to be active in all His roles in our lives: Comforter **John 14:16**; Teacher **John 16:13-14**; and our daily source for power **Acts 1:8**
8. What are three distinct ministries of the Holy Spirit and the Greek words that describe these ministries?  
**A.** The convicting work. Grk word para or with. The Holy Spirit is with us. **John 14:17**. This experience is the conviction of sin and everyone in the world has this experience. Jesus came to convict, not to condemn.  
**B.** 2. The converting work. Grk word en or in. The Holy Spirit is in us. **Eph 4:13-14**. The Holy Spirit converts or changes us.  
**C.** The conforming work. Grk word epi or upon. The Holy Spirit comes upon us. **Acts 1:8** This experience is the baptism of the Holy Spirit which is the empowering work of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is to go under; to be completely submerged.  
**Acts 1:8 & Eph 5:18** To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled continually or constantly.
9. Discuss the need to be filled with the Holy Spirit using these three verses: **Zech 4:6**; **Gal 3:3** & **Romans 8:14** Everything needs to begin and finish with the Holy Spirit. Nothing should be done in the flesh.
10. Final discussion question: When we think we don't have all of the Holy Spirit, could it be that the Holy Spirit does not have all of us?

(1) creating profiles on the Calvary App so your group can create a group chat on the app. Let Pastor Josh know so he can set your group up for you. (3) Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/LIFEgroup-Assessment>

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We Need the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Acts 19:1-7

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