

The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit



Start Talking. Conversation starter for your group.

- Using only one word, describe your personal relationship with the Holy Spirit (examples may be distant, intense, non-existent, supernatural, etc.)

Start Thinking.

- Read **Acts 2:1-4**. What is the difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Read **Ephesians 5:18**. Why do you think Paul contrasts being drunk with being filled with the Spirit?
- The word "**filled**" literally means to "be being kept filled." What does this mean? How do you continually get filled by the Holy Spirit? Why is this necessary?
- Read **Galatians 5:16** and **Romans 8:13**. What do these verses reveal about the Holy Spirit?
- Read **Ephesians 5:18-21** and **Colossians 3:16-17**. What do you notice about these verses?

Start Sharing.

- Do you think you can tell if a person is filled with the Holy Spirit? What is some of the evidence?
- What do you think it looks like practically to be empty of yourself and filled with the Spirit?
- Share with your group one area in your life where you need the Spirit's power. As a group, pray over each other's request.

Start Doing.

- We are entering a season, as a church body, where we are intentionally praying & fasting for God's wisdom, leading, and discernment. We are begging God for a filling of the Holy Spirit and for us to be obedient to what He says. **This week, be intentional about asking for a daily filling of the Holy Spirit in your life, especially in the request you shared with your group.**