

Vision Beyond Barriers: What Have You Received?

Study Guide

Lesson Summary & Objective

This lesson centers on Paul's question in Acts 19:1–6: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" It emphasizes that sincere belief, religious form, and church familiarity are not substitutes for spiritual fullness, power, and Spirit-led living. The objective is to help believers examine what they have received in Christ and understand how the Holy Spirit gives vision beyond barriers.

1. Vision to the Word (John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:9–12)

The Holy Spirit reveals truth, teaches believers, and gives spiritual understanding beyond natural reading or knowledge.

- Biblical Exposition: How do these scriptures show the Spirit's role in revealing truth?
- Application: How can you depend more on the Spirit when reading God's Word?

2. Vision to the Weight (2 Corinthians 4:8–9; Romans 8:26)

The Holy Spirit strengthens believers under pressure and helps them endure difficulty without losing hope.

- Biblical Exposition: What does Paul's language teach about suffering and divine help?
- Application: What present burden can you submit to God with greater trust?

3. Vision to the Warring (Ephesians 6:12; Jude 1:20; 2 Kings 6:15–17)

Spiritual warfare requires discernment, prayer, and confidence that God's power is greater than what is seen naturally.

- Biblical Exposition: How does Scripture redefine the believer's battle?
- Application: Where do you need spiritual confidence instead of fear?

4. Vision to the Way (John 16:13; Romans 8:14; Isaiah 30:21)

The Holy Spirit gives direction, truth, and guidance for daily living and spiritual decisions.

- Biblical Exposition: What do these scriptures reveal about being led by the Spirit?
- Application: What decision in life needs prayerful spiritual direction?

Key Scriptures for Reference

Acts 19:1–6 (KJV) – Paul meets disciples in Ephesus, asks if they received the Holy Ghost, teaches them concerning Christ, and they receive the Holy Ghost.

John 14:26 – The Holy Ghost teaches and brings Christ’s words to remembrance.

1 Corinthians 2:9–12 – The Spirit reveals the deep things of God and helps believers understand what God has freely given.

2 Corinthians 4:8–9 – Believers may be pressed, but are not destroyed because of God’s sustaining power.

Romans 8:26 – The Spirit helps our infirmities and intercedes in weakness.

Ephesians 6:12 – The believer’s warfare is spiritual, not merely natural.

Jude 1:20 – Believers are built up through praying in the Holy Ghost.

2 Kings 6:15–17 – God opens the servant’s eyes to see divine help beyond visible barriers.

John 16:13 – The Spirit of truth guides into all truth.

Romans 8:14 – Those led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

Isaiah 30:21 – God gives direction: “This is the way, walk ye in it.”

Acts 1:8 – The Holy Ghost brings power for Spirit-empowered living.