

Questions for eGroup Discussion

You Can Experience More of the Spirit

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

What's the most awkward or unwanted gift you've ever received?

How did you respond to the gift – and the gift-giver – when you initially received it?

What did you eventually do with this gift?

In what ways is the Holy Spirit sometimes perceived to be an “awkward gift” by Christ-followers?

At the beginning of his message, Pastor Alan said, *“Experiencing the Holy Spirit is normal Christianity.”*

Over the years, to what extent has the Holy Spirit been a “normal” part of your Christian experience? How about now?

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 11:11-13 aloud 2-3 times, in a couple different Bible translations, if possible.

As you listen/read, what stands out to you from these verses, stood out to you from this week's message on these verses, or from the MORE Weekend in general?

What do these verses reveal about God, His desire for us in experiencing the Spirit, and our role in making this happen?

Read aloud the following verses ...

Acts 2:38

Ephesians 5:18 and Acts 6:1-4

Acts 4:31 and Luke 1:67

Embrace the Gospel Continued

What's the difference in the word "filling" in the Ephesians 5 and Acts 6 passages, compared to the Acts 4 and Luke 1 passages?

What are the personal and practical implications of these different kinds of fillings with the Spirit?

For each of the above categories of verses, describe the unique "ask" as it relates to a person's experience of the Holy Spirit.

What would it look like for God to grant a person's "ask" in each of these categories?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

Where do you long to experience more of the Holy Spirit right now?

How can your eGroup join you in making the "ask" that's needed for this to occur?

From this week's message and eGroup discussion, what's one thing you believe the Holy Spirit most wants you to hear and respond to? What's the next step in you following-through on this?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying in response to the things people shared above where they'd like to grow in their personal experience with the Holy Spirit. Specifically, if there's an "ask" that they feel prompted to make in terms of filling or otherwise, and for your eGroup to join them in making.

When you're done, spend time praying for specific needs and concerns for one another this week, as well as your response to any spiritual stirrings that are on your hearts.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community compassionately moves outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

Our next Serve Day is coming up in just a couple of weeks as we partner together with dozens of others in serving at Weld Project Connect. Weld Project Connect is an annual, one-day event providing numerous on-site services directly to individuals and households struggling and in need due to housing instability, job loss, age, health problems and other issues that can interrupt a life. Residents in need of assistance attend the one-day event to receive numerous services on-site; rather than referrals, in a welcoming and festive environment. Each person or family is greeted by a community volunteer who helps the guest navigate through the available services. The volunteer navigator stays with the guest at the event until they've received all of the services needed. All services provided the day of the event are free.

Be watching for details in terms of signing up as a part of Christ Community, and consider serving together with your eGroup as community volunteers to bless our neighbors here in Weld County.



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