



# HOLY SPIRIT

## GOD'S EMPOWERING PRESENCE

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT - PART 3

##### QUESTION 1

Get-to-know-me

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If you grew up in the church, how was Spirit Baptism approached & talked about at the church you attended?

When it comes to Spirit Baptism what do you think are peoples biggest hesitations & apprehensions towards it?

##### QUESTION 2

Into-the-Bible

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Read Acts 8:9-25, 10:34-48, 19:1-7

What stands out to you in these stories?

What pattern do you see emerging?

##### QUESTION 3

Take-it-home

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In his sermon, Pastor Nathan shared stories of when each of LakePoint's pastoral team experienced Holy Spirit Baptism for the first time. Take time as a group to share your individual experiences with the Holy Spirit.

For those that haven't, take time as a group to read through the next page about receiving Holy Spirit Baptism and simply encourage group members to pursue God's empowering presence in this manner. (Or should group members be comfortable and desire it... take time to pursue it together as a Life Group).



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# BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

### BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**1. Invite** - ask Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit

God is not going to do anything you don't want Him to do. He is a gentleman. He responds to our invitation.

**2. Praise** - open your mouth and express your adoration to God

Worship God with the language He has already blessed you with. Begin with the lyrics on the screen, and as you begin to settle into God's presence, begin to use your own words. Your own words are more personal and authentic than someone else's words.

**3. Surrender** - yield to any deep welling up within your spirit and allow that inner surge to break through in an unknown language

It's not about striving in your own strength, it's about yielding to the Holy Spirit within you. As you do, there will come a moment when you will feel the Spirit well up within you and want to break forth in spontaneous, inspired speech.

**4. Faith** - speak out those words that God places on your heart

Everything we receive from God is by faith. In faith, yield to the Spirit's power and speak out that inspired speech.

- **God won't open your mouth**

It doesn't happen involuntarily. There won't be a magical moment where God comes and moves your tongue for you. It requires your full participation. We have to step out in faith and partner with God.

- **The enemy will cast doubt**

He will cast doubt. He will cast fear. He will try and make you believe you weren't meant to experience this. Don't buy the lie. Know that as you seek God, He wants to baptize you. Don't worry when, just surrender yourself fully to Him.

### Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit:

**Attitude** of Faith

**Atmosphere** of Praise & Worship

**Anticipation** through Laying on of Hands