



# HOLY SPIRIT

## GOD'S EMPOWERING PRESENCE

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT - PART 4

##### QUESTION 1

Get-to-know-me

If you could learn any language you don't already know, what language would you chose?

Pastor Nathan shared how a "personal prayer language (tongues) was never designed to serve as "evidence" to anyone. Rather, it was meant to be a sign of empowerment to you." Have you ever felt pressured into speaking in tongues or pressured to produce evidence of your baptism?

Practically speaking, what do you think it means to surrender or yield to the Holy Spirit?

##### QUESTION 2

Into-the-Bible

Read Acts 2:1-6, 8:14-19, 9:17-19, 10:44-48, 19:1-6

How did the people in each of these stories receive the Spirit?

What happened when they received God's Spirit?

##### QUESTION 3

Take-it-home

Read through the simple instructions provided on the next page that Pastor Nathan shared when it comes to seeking.

*Note to Leaders: Ask any participants if they'd like to pursue more of God in this manner. If yes, put on some worship music and take time to pray together encouraging your group members to move through the steps of **Inviting, Praising, Surrendering** and **Speaking out in Faith**. This may be awkward... but so, so worth it!*



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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