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Small Group Guide: I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Icebreaker Question

If you could describe the Holy Spirit using a weather phenomenon (wind, fire, rain, etc.), what would you choose and why?

Discussion Questions

Section 1: Understanding the Holy Spirit

Q1: A.W. Tozer suggested that if the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the modern church, 95% of what we do would continue unchanged. Do you agree or disagree? What does this reveal about our dependence on the Holy Spirit?

Q2: Read John 14:12-17. What does it mean that we will do "even greater things" than Jesus did? How is this possible?

Q3: In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit as your "Helper" in daily life? Share a specific example.

Section 2: The Power of Pentecost

Q4: The Holy Spirit came with wind and fire at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). What do you think these symbols represent? How do they help us understand the Spirit's work?

Q5: The disciples spoke in different languages so everyone could hear the Gospel in their own tongue. What does this tell us about God's heart for all people? How does the Spirit help us communicate the Gospel today?

Q6: Compare the disciples before and after Pentecost. What changed? What role did the Holy Spirit play in that transformation?

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Section 3: Living in the Spirit's Power

Q7: Read Acts 1:8. The Holy Spirit gives us power to be witnesses. Where has God called you to be a witness (your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, or ends of the earth)?

Q8: Read 2 Timothy 1:7. The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-discipline—not timidity. In what area of your life do you need to claim this truth right now?

Q9: How would your daily life look different if you truly believed and relied on the Holy Spirit's power within you?

Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge (Choose One or More):

- 1. Daily Invitation** Each morning this week, begin your day by specifically inviting the Holy Spirit to fill you, guide you, and work through you. Journal about what you notice.
- 2. Spirit-Led Boldness** Identify one situation where you've been timid about sharing your faith or serving others. Pray for the Holy Spirit's power and take one bold step this week.
- 3. Dependence Assessment** Evaluate your weekly activities (church involvement, personal habits, relationships). Ask yourself: "Am I doing this in my own strength or relying on the Holy Spirit's power?" Make adjustments accordingly.
- 4. Study the Spirit** Read through the book of Acts this week, highlighting every mention of the Holy Spirit. Note what the Spirit does and how people respond.



5. Prayer for Pentecost Power Gather with one or two other believers and pray specifically for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit, asking for power to be effective witnesses in your community.

Before Next Week

Share with the group one way you experienced the Holy Spirit's work in your life this week. Come prepared to encourage one another with testimonies of God's faithfulness.