

## Session 8 Lesson 6: The Father - Heart of God

Open with a brief prayer, asking for God's guidance and blessing on your time together.

### **Pastoral care.**

*Take time to listen to what God is doing in the life of each other and in their families. Encourage and pray for one another.*

List a highlight from last week & challenge you are facing

Highlight a challenge or Prayer Request

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- Did you finishing writing your faith story?
- Are you staying consistent with your daily devotions?
- Have you been praying for the people on your name list?

### **Accountability**

**- How is your memorizing the 3 Circles Going?** Do you see how having this foundational method of sharing the Gospel can help you lead into a conversation about what you believe about God?

***Lets Go Over the presentation. Have someone tell it Did they miss anything? Encourage each other to learn it.***

Are you having a daily time with God? How is that going?  
How did you obey God's Prompting to share since our last get together??

## **Lesson Five: the Holy Spirit**

### ***Who is the Holy Spirit?***

You are not alone. Jesus promised us before He left that He would always be with us (Matthew 28:20). So if Jesus has ascended into heaven and has not returned yet how can God always be with us? The Holy Spirit is God (2 Corinthians 3:17). Jesus is God in the form of a man. He can only be one place at a time. Right now He is in heaven. But God is always with us by His Spirit. When we feel God's presence or hear God's voice – that is the Holy Spirit!

Have you ever experienced the presence of God?  
When ? \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Personal testimony on experiencing the presence of God***

### ***Sealing of the Holy Spirit***

Read Ephesians 1:13-14. What happened when you first believed the gospel?-

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When you received Jesus into your life the Holy Spirit came to live in you. The Holy Spirit dwells in and with every believer. The Holy Spirit is like a seal on our lives securing us for God and our inheritance in heaven. The Holy Spirit is always with us working in our lives.

### ***What does the Holy Spirit do?***

Read these verses and describe the activity of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26 \_\_\_\_\_

John 16:8, 12-15 \_\_\_\_\_

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Romans 5:5 \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***Fruit of the Spirit***

The Holy Spirit works in our lives to make us like Jesus. Christ-like characteristics are described in the Bible as good fruit.

***Review the fruit of the Spirit in the verse below.***

***Circle 2 or 3 that you would like to see more of in your life this week.*** (Galatians 5:23) " the fruit of the spirit is

: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

**Read John 15: 1-8. How can we bear fruit?**

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### ***Baptism of the Holy Spirit***

Read Matthew 3:11. \_\_\_\_\_

What did John the Baptist say Jesus would do?

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Read Acts 1:8. What does God say the Holy Spirit will do for us? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

God desires to send the Holy Spirit to “come upon” us in power. This is called the baptism of the Holy Spirit and is different from when the Holy Spirit came into your life when you were saved (see Acts 19:1-7). The baptism of the Spirit is not just a one-time experience but we are encouraged to “be continually filled” with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18; John 20:22; Acts 2:4, 4:31).

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a personal encounter with God that draws us close to Him and empowers us to glorify Him on earth.

Read Luke 3:20-22

. What happened when Jesus was baptized?

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Read Luke 4:1, 14, 18-19

What was Jesus’ life like after He was baptized?

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Read Luke 4:1, 14, 18-19

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### ***Power of the Holy Spirit***

**According to these verses, what power does God give us?**

John 14:12 \_\_\_\_\_

I Corinthians 12:4-11

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We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit so that we can do the works that Jesus did – even greater ones (Hebrews 2:4). The Holy Spirit also gives us gifts to serve the church and extend the Kingdom of God. These gifts are abilities that are supernaturally empowered by God. Every believer in Jesus has

at least one primary spiritual gift to contribute to the body of Christ.

### ***Receiving the Holy Spirit***

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs in a variety of ways throughout the New Testament. There is no one method for being baptized with the Holy Spirit. Neither is there only one demonstration of the Spirit. The following are common, biblical characteristics of those who experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit

#### **Receiving the Baptism of the Spirit includes...**

##### **A desire for righteousness**

*“those that hunger and thirst for righteousness...will be filled.”*  
(Matthew 5:6)

##### **A desire for spiritual gifts**

*“eagerly desire spiritual gifts”* (1 Corinthians 14:1)

##### **Confessing all known sins**

*“Many of those who believed...openly confessed their evil deeds.”* (Acts 19:18)

##### **Coming to Jesus and believing**

*“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believe in me... streams of living water [Holy Spirit] will flow from within.”*  
(John 7:37-38)

##### **Asking the Father in prayer**

*“your Father in heaven gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*  
(Luke 11:13)

##### **Expecting manifestations like prophecy or tongues or joy or boldness**

*“The Holy Spirit came on them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.”*(Acts 19:6 – See also Acts 4:31-35; 13:53)

**Do you want to pray to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit today?**

Yes

No

I’m not sure