



Life Group Discussion Guide
What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?
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Open in prayer.

- What comes to mind when you hear “Holy Spirit”
- What is your experience with the Holy Spirit or the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

The Big Idea: Jesus told his followers that after his resurrection and ascension he would not leave them alone. He would send the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Acts chapter two we see Jesus fulfilling this promise by giving his ongoing presence and power through the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 2:1-21; Luke 11:11-13

Baptism in the Holy Spirit defined: The baptism in the Holy Spirit is significant additional power for life and ministry given by God, subsequent to salvation. The Baptism is characterized by a deep sense of God’s presence. It is accompanied by the visible sign of speaking in tongues.

Read the following passages and discuss the commonalities

Acts 8:14-17

Acts 9:17

Acts 10:44-46

Acts 19:1-7

- How is the baptism of the Holy Spirit different than the receiving the Holy Spirit upon salvation?
- What is the importance of the Holy Spirit arriving during the Feast of Pentecost?
- What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit?
- How can we use the gift of the Holy Spirit in a way that meets God’s intended purpose?
- What does it mean to be led by the Holy Spirit?

1. Jesus told us that the essential purpose of being filled with the Spirit is empowerment to be his witnesses. **Acts 1:8**

2. Jesus is the Baptizer **Acts 2:32-33**

3. The Holy Spirit Baptism is a Gift from God. **Acts 10:45**

4. The biblical pattern shows that the Baptism in the Spirit is accompanied by speaking in other tongues.



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- How does speaking in tongues confirm the gift of the Holy Spirit?
- How does tongues demonstrate our surrender to God?
- How does tongues enhance our praise and worship to God?
- How does tongues encourage believers?
- Why would we or should we desire the baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues?

Where else in the Bible is the baptism of the Holy Spirit mentioned?

Old Testament – Joel 2:28-29 – “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.” (NIV)

New Testament - John the Baptist – Matthew 3:11 – “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” (NIV)

Jesus - John 7:38-39 – “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.” (NIV)

Acts 1:4-5 – “(After the resurrection) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (NIV)