



Living Water
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group Discussion Guide
or Personal Study Guide



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Introduction: Paul goes to Ephesus where he begins a new journey of ministry. He meets 12 men who knew only the baptism of John the baptist. They could have been disciple of Apollos before his instruction from Aquila and Priscilla. Paul asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit when they believed? The reason for this question was to see if they were true followers of Jesus.

Text: Acts 19:1-10

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: Tell of a time when you have only received half of the information to a story? How did you feel when you were told the full story?
2. The church is still continuing to grow and expand. The ministry of John the Baptist had a great impact and reach throughout the lands. There were several who were disciples of John the Baptist and preached the message of repentance for the coming of the Kingdom of God. What was John's Baptism and what did it signify? What was the message of John the Baptist?
3. What did Jesus say about his baptism? What is the difference between the message of John the Baptist and the message of Jesus?
4. How did the Holy Spirit empower the 12 disciples? What was the purpose of them speaking in tongues? What was the outcome of their ministry?
5. The Holy Spirit is given to the believer upon conversion. This is why Paul asked if they had the Holy Spirit "When they believed." Read Romans 8:9. What does this say about the person who does not have the Spirit of Christ (Holy Spirit)?
6. Read John 16:5-15 According to Jesus, what are, at least, two purposes of the Holy Spirit?
7. Share how the Holy Spirit convicted and convinced you of your need for The Savior? How does the Holy Spirit help you bring glory to Jesus?
8. Read Ephesians 1:13-14, Titus 3:4-7, 2 Peter 1:1-3 What other tasks does the Holy Spirit do?
9. How does it help your faith to know that you are sealed until the day of redemption? How does this bring hope?
10. How does it help you to know that you are complete? You have the Holy Spirit and there is nothing lacking in your salvation. You have all that you need to walk in victory.
11. Read Ephesians 5:18. How do we allow the Holy Spirit to control our life?

Think About it:

The message closed with an illustration of taking your cart back after you unload your groceries. The flesh wants to leave it in the parking space. However, the right thing to do is take it to the cart back. In life we are faced with decisions. Will we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and "take our cart back" or will we listen to the flesh and leave it in the way of others?

Moving Forward:

Take your cart back! Listen to the Holy Spirit. Obey His leading and prompting. Read from the Word of God and allow the Spirit to transform your mind to think more like Christ. Have your heart and mind set on things above. Walk as a child of God that is greatly loved by your Father in heaven. Pray daily to hear from the Lord.