

## THE MAIN POINT

*To be filled with the Spirit is to have your life transformed by an acute consciousness of the glorious person who lives permanently within your life and you are extremely motivated to be responsive to them.*

## Suggested Bible reading for this week:

### READ :: Acts 2

This is the story of the Holy Spirit coming for the very first time. As you read through the Book of Acts, there is an array of reactions to the Holy Spirit and an array to how the Spirit changed people. Then, consider your own life and how the Spirit has, or hasn't yet, changed you. Lastly, spend time in conversation with God about what He might like to change in you.

## NOTES + PRAYER REQUESTS:

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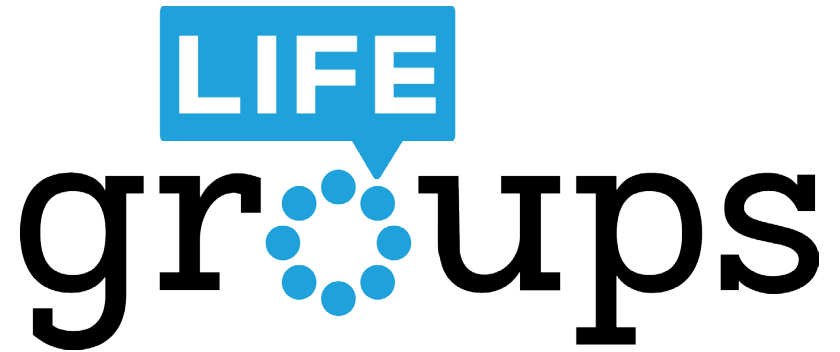
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## Part 4: Be Filled with the Spirit

Begin by watching the "Info for the Group" portion of the DVD and then here are a few questions to get you going:

- \_\_\_ What was your high and low from the past week?
  
- \_\_\_ To get your conversation started this week, share with the group your favourite thing about the neighbourhood you currently live in.

## PLEASE WATCH THE DVD'S "MAIN SESSION"

### INTRODUCTION

Being a Christian is not just about some stuff to believe or some stuff to do – but also involves experiences of power, deep soul knowledge, transformation, and knowing the love of God as it washes over you. This week, we discuss what happens in our lives when we experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The Holy Spirit is not just an idea or a concept, but a person. Share with the group a friend or mentor who has significantly impacted your life.
2. The video shared that, "whatever the Holy Spirit touches, the Holy Spirit changes." Whether it is yourself or a friend, discuss the ways you have seen the Holy Spirit change someone's character.

"...But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things...Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives." (Galatians 5:22–23, 25)

3. Being filled with the Spirit is destined to change us. Looking at this list of fruits of the spirit, which of these would you like God to work on in your life?
4. Is experiencing this change as simple as following Jesus and expecting the Spirit to impart changes in our lives or do we have a role to play? How do we practically "follow the Spirit's leading?"

### QUESTIONS FROM SUNDAY MORNING

5. On Sunday, Dustin asked this question: "What is the ultimate reason you obey the Word of God?" How would you respond to that question?
6. In **1 Thessalonians 5:19** and **Ephesians 4:30**, we are commanded to not "quench" nor "grieve" the Spirit. What does that mean to you? What are some of the ways that you can avoid doing this this week?
7. The Holy Spirit is the connection that allows us to experience God in His fullest in our lives. As the group moves towards a time of prayer, share with the group the specific areas of your life that you would like the Spirit to work within this week.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

Tim Keller writes: "...The Spirit does not make us wise in some magical kind of way, giving us little nudges and insider tips to help us always choose the best stock to invest in. Rather, he makes Jesus Christ a living, bright reality, transforming our character, giving us new inner poise, clarity, humility, boldness, contentment, and courage. All of this leads to increasing wisdom as the years go by, and to better and better professional and personal decisions."

### BE SURE TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A GROUP...

— What are some things going on in your life that need prayer?