

SMALL GROUP GUIDE FROM REV DAMON RELDER

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Introduction

As a people of the resurrection, Christians are sent out to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to people everywhere. But many today are reluctant for a variety of reasons from shyness to feelings of Biblical inadequacy. But the Holy Spirit has been promised to us just he was to the apostles, and being baptized in the Spirit makes all the difference for the effectiveness for our witness.

Discussion

Have you ever been presented with an opportunity to share your faith with someone? How did that go?

Are you confident that the Holy Spirit will give you power to share the gospel?

Going Deeper

- Reread Acts 1:1-5. What indications are given there for what baptism in the Holy Spirit is?
- Now read Acts 8:14-17. What additional actions are seen in this passage for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the believers in Samaria?
- Next read Acts 10:34-48. What is different about how the Holy Spirit came upon the people in Cornelius' house?

Application

- From your study of the above passages you recognized that there is not a one-size-fits-all baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit moves as God desires and comes in different ways and different times in people's lives.
- With that in mind – have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? If YES, praise God for that. If NO or NOT SURE – pray for God to send the Spirit just as He has to all believers who open themselves up to receive him.