

Exploring the Holy Spirit

Point of Light Group

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Week 1: Starting a Conversation

How do we know if we've been "Baptized in the Spirit"?

Receiving prayer for the baptism

- Acts 19:1-6 seems to indicate that the baptism of the Spirit is something that needs to be prayed for. If you have not been prayed for in that particular area, chances are you haven't received this baptism.

God shows up in your life in a significant way

- Acts 2 and 19 also seem to indicate that when you receive the baptism, you operate in one of the gifts, specifically tongues or prophecy.
- If you have been prayed for the baptism and have not experienced a gift of the Holy Spirit, do not fear -- the Holy Spirit resides within you!
- Starting a dialogue with the Holy Spirit will help you understand how He communicates and opens up the door for you to operate in His gifts.

How do we start a dialogue with the Holy Spirit?

Living Your Life Surrendered to the Holy Spirit

- In John 14:17, Jesus says the Holy Spirit lives in us. God dwells in us. This is unlike any other religion in the world. A holy, eternal being has chosen to reside within and among us.
- In Romans 12:1 Paul says we should live as a sacrifice, putting His will first. If the Holy Spirit resides in us, we should live our lives surrendered to His will and we should ask for His will daily.

"Good Morning Holy Spirit"

- In Jesus' model prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) he instructs us to pray that the Kingdom of God invade our lives. This is a prayer we should wake up every morning saying.
- I believe it is helpful to start off each day with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit how He wants to invade our lives with God's kingdom. This aligns our heart with the Holy Spirit and it helps to keep our eyes open for opportunities that God may want to use us.

The Art of Listening

- A conversation is not one direction. As we pray to the Holy Spirit, we should listen for whatever he may say.

