

Social time – meet and greet each other

Video – watch Mark's short video to get everyone in tune with the core teaching for the week

Memory verse – can everyone recite the core (memory) verse this week? (Acts 1:8)

Starter questions - pick one or two

- 1. What stood out to you as you read about the Holy Spirit in this lesson?
- 2. One common misconception is that the Holy Spirit is an "it" rather than a "he." Is there another misconception about the Holy Spirit that you've had to work through in your life?
- 3. What are some principles you use to help you determine if you're hearing from the Holy Spirit or your own mind?

Key Passages to Help Us Understand the Core – be sure to do these

- 1. Acts 2 As a Christian, have you experienced the moving of the Holy Spirit in your life or church? Do you believe He is real? Why or why not?
- 2. John 16:13-14; Gal.5:22-23; Eph.1:13. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you as you meditated on these verses this week? Did God challenge you through any of them?

Group Discussion – don't try to do them all Pick the ones best suited to your group

- 1. Why is the Holy Spirit such a confusing and challenging topic for some people?
- 2. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit moving in your life?
- 3. The essay teaches that the two main things the Holy Spirit does for us is *transformation* (pg.250-251) and *empowerment* (pg.251-254).
 - a. Have you been both transformed and empowered? How do you know?
 - b. Can you be empowered without first being transformed? Why do you say that?
- 4. Of all the things the Holy Spirit does for us, what is the most important to you right now? Why?
- 5. If you could access the Holy Spirit's power more, what would you want him to do for you? What would be different in your life if you believed and acted upon that benefit?
- 6. Brainstorm in the group about ways we can pay more attention to the various ways the Holy Spirit wants to speak to us.
- 7. How does this lesson tie-in to the previous lesson on eternal security?

Application for the Week

- 1. The Day 5 challenge (pp.255) was to identify one of the benefits the Holy Spirit provides for you that you need most right now. Look up all passages referenced under that benefit. Which passage was most meaningful to you?
- 2. PRAY ask God to help everyone in the group live out this lesson in their life

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Extra Scripture Notes for Leaders

Here is the full list of Scriptures Mark listed in the chapter on the Holy Spirit.

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Gen.1:2; 2:7;
Psalm 104:29-30;
Matt.3:16; 12:8,28;
Mark 1:10;
Luke 2:27; 3:22; 4:18; 12:12;
John 1:32-33; 3:5; 6:63; 7:38-39; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:8-11;
Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,33; 5:16; 8:29, 39; 9:31; 10:19-20,38; 11:12; 13:2-4; 15:8,28; 16:6-7; 20:22
Rom.1:4; 5:5; 8:11,16-17,26-27; 12:6-8; 15:16,19,30;
1 Cor.2:10; 3:116; 6:11,19; 12:4,7-12;
Gal.4:6; 5:22-23;
Eph.1:13,17; 2:18,22; 3:16; 4:3-4,11-13; 5:18-19; 6:13-18;
Php.1:19;
2 Thess.2:13; 5:23;
1 Tim.3:16;
2 Tim.1:14;
Titus 3:5;
1 Pet.4:14;
2 Pet.1:21;
1 John 3:24; 4:13;
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