

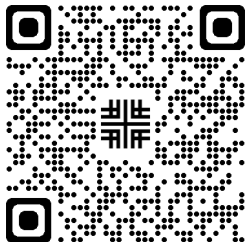
GUIDE:

- CHECK-INS: Introductions, check-in
- CARE: Needs in the group
- COMPASSION: What is the group planning? Are you inviting neighbours to join in?
- GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS Church-wide and group-only
- DIG IN: "Ice-breaker" question (group facilitator), discuss questions as a group
- PRAYER: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests. Consider breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large enough.

GENERAL REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

NOTE: Jessica's questions are bullet points IN her teaching notes.

1. As you reflect on Sunday's message, what principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
2. If the message had to be re-delivered, what two points or ideas would you encourage the speaker to include no matter what?
3. What's one thing from this message that you hope we talk about as a group?
4. Was there one thing that you most agreed or disagreed with from this message? What was it and why?
5. Read the scripture.
 - + Reflecting on these verses, what strikes you most? Why?
 - + What is most challenging in these verses? Encouraging? New?
 - + If these verses were applied to our culture today, how would it change?
6. When and where do you struggle the most with [whatever issue(s) this message raised]?
7. If you were to incorporate this truth into your own life, how would the next week be different?
8. Describe your life one year from now if you consistently applied this truth.



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GOD'S PERMANENT PRESENCE WITH US

THE HOLY SPIRIT

WITH JESSICA CHAN

When the Spirit comes on us, what do we become? According to Acts 1:8 we receive power and become witnesses. The fruits and gifts of the Spirit can still today bestow power and make us witnesses

GOD'S PERMANENT PRESENCE WITH US

Ephesians 2:22 "In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

1 Corinthians 3:16 "do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

Acts Chapter 1

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

Acts Chapter 1

3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit."

Acts Chapter 1

John 14:12: I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Acts Chapter 1

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts Chapter 1

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

"Gifts are anticipated with joy, and good gifts are received with joy by children. The very seeking of a gift or anticipation of a gift is a source of joy. This is one reason why Pentecostal worship easily enters into the realm of the joy of God. The very nature of gift creates a new emotional state. Spiritual gifts challenge the status quo simply by teaching and learning of their possibility. This, the expectation that God, your Heavenly Father, will give good gifts, is another area in which we are commanded to be like children. The play of the Holy Spirit begins in a body of believers and seekers when they learn that gifts are involved. We see this in Acts 13:52 - when the Holy Spirit moved after the gospel was shared and the disciples were persecuted, they were given as a gift a "filling with joy."

Acts Chapter 1

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts Chapter 1

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts Chapter 1

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[b] 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT: RECOGNIZE

- How is the Spirit showing that I'm living in opposition to His truth, either in attitude, thought or action?
- How is the Spirit using my gifts or overcoming my weaknesses for his kingdom purposes to glorify Christ?
- How is the Spirit leading, guiding or helping me?
- How is the Spirit giving me his desires: hope, peace, joy, love, patience, renewal, restoration etc.?

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT: REMEMBER

- What is true of God with respect to this area of your life? What are you believing about God instead of the truth?
- What lies are you believing about yourself?
- How is Christ the hero in regards to this area of your life?
- What is true of you in Christ with respect to this area of your life?

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT: RESPOND

- What kingdom activity might the Spirit be leading you to begin?
- What activity might the Spirit be leading you to stop?
- What does it look like to not agree with or not follow the Spirit?
- What does it look like to agree with and follow the Spirit?