

NOTES & QUOTES



MISSING PERSON

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

WEEK 2 TALKING POINTS

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Were graduations a big deal for your family? Have you done anything special/unique to celebrate different graduations? Why are they important?
2. What is the furthest you have gone out of your way because of a love interest? What did you do in order to meet someone or spend more time with someone you were romantically attracted to?
3. What life circumstances led to your coming alive to God spiritually? Looking back, what evidence do you see of the Holy Spirit's presence and work in your life, even before you responded with faith?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read and describe the activity of the Holy Spirit in each of the following passages.
 - a. John 3:3-6, Titus 3:5
 - b. John 14:17, Romans 8:9-11
 - c. Matthew 3:11, 1 Corinthians 12:13
 - d. 2 Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 1:13, Romans 8:16
5. Read Acts 2:1-4. Pentecost was the Jewish feast that was celebrated 50 days after Passover. It is also known as the "Feast of Harvest" (Exodus 23:16) because of its relationship to the harvest season. What significance do you see to the coming of the Holy Spirit at the time of Pentecost?
6. Why do you think God would give a supernatural gift like tongues to the early church? How can the gift of tongues be a helpful for the church today?

7. Read each passage and summarize the different ways the spiritual gift of tongues is used in mission and ministry of the Church.
 - a. Tongues as speaking in other human languages - Acts 2:6-8
 - b. Tongues as prayer language (us speaking to God) - Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 13:1, 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14-15
 - c. Tongues as prophetic language (God speaking to us) - 1 Corinthians 12:10, 1 Corinthians 14:11-13, 26-28
8. Read Romans 6:1-4. How does water baptism by immersion mirror our spiritual baptism with Jesus when we came to faith (conversion)?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. Why do you think the Holy Spirit is a missing person in many churches and in many people's lives? What excites you about the life with the Holy Spirit? What causes you to be cautious?
10. Discipleship without mission is incomplete and ultimately dissatisfying." Why is this true? How does service and mission bring greater peace and joy into the life of the Christian?
11. Why is regular Holy Spirit guided self-reflection and repentance so critical to coming alive and growing spiritually?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with [b] the Holy Spirit and fire."
Matthew 3:11