

By My Spirit | Works of the Holy Spirit

Carl Johnston

START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

• What are you most excited about that we get to do as a church family?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking. Acts 4:13, 5:15 (Read these out loud)

- What we see from these 2 passages is that the Holy Spirit provides a supernatural ability to operate beyond our own strengths and abilities.
- Do you have a dream or vision for your life that is so big that it seems impossible? If so, you're in good company. (Read through the book of Acts and see what God can do in and through His people when we submit to and partner with the leadership and empowerment that is available to us through the Hole Spirit.)

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

The earliest followers of Jesus were completely dependent on the Holy Spirit—and so are we.

 Have you been trying to live life more or less on your own? How do you think becoming completely dependent on the Holy Spirit, as the early church did, would impact your life? How can you become more aware of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life on a daily basis?

The earliest followers of Jesus were continually filled with the Holy Spirit—and so should we be.

• Pastor Carl stated that the Holy Spirit moves and operates the same today as He did in Acts. If God has more for us, to enable and empower us to live the life He has created us to live, why would we not want that?

If we are going to turn the world upside down for Jesus, we need to be desperate for the Holy Spirit.

- Pastor Carl shared the story of the believers in Ephesus whom Paul met (Acts 19:1-7). From this, we know that someone can come to saving faith in Jesus Christ yet not receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. As we see repeatedly throughout Acts, it is the baptism of the Holy Spirit through which we receive the ability and empowerment to live the kind of lives we read about in Acts—the same kind of life God intends us to live today.
- Do you have a desperation for more of the Holy Spirit in your life? What could change if you began living empowered by the Spirit rather than living out of your own strengths and abilities?

KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- How can you become more dependent and seek to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit throughout this week?
- Pick one of this week's key Scriptures and make it a reminder in your phone. Spend a few minutes repeating it and thinking about it each day.

KEEP PRAYING

- Prayer requests from everyone at group
- Prayer