



Groups

Spirit Led Life Acts 1:1-14

Life Group Study Guide

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Connect: *Find out how everyone is doing; this will give you an opportunity to better know how to encourage and minister to each other.*

- ◆ If you are new to this group or if this is a new group share how you came to be connected to this group. *(It will be exciting to see why God put this group together the way he did this year!)*
- ◆ If your group has guests or new members take some time to make sure everyone knows each other.
- ◆ What has been a high and low point in everyone's life in the last week?

Grow: *If your group has more than 10-12 people you will want to consider having the group form two or more discussion groups in separate locations of the home or building in which you are meeting and then come back together for your closing prayer time.*

- ◆ **Introduction:** A key part of the Christian life is the reality that when we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior through baptism we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Quiet often, however, we have no idea how to be led by the Holy Spirit in our daily life because our culture teaches us seemingly positive character traits that hinder us from being led by the Spirit of God. This Life Group study of the book of Acts will pay special attention to the role of the Holy Spirit in the early church so that we can learn how to allow our Christian lives today to be led by the Spirit.

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- ◆ **Discussion:** Do you like to wait? Why? What has been the most frustrating wait you have experienced lately?
 - ◆ The early Christians first experience with the Holy Spirit required them to wait ! Read Acts 1:1-8.

- ◆ The Holy Spirit was going to enable the believers to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
 - ☉ What would have happened if they had not waited for the power from the Holy Spirit but had instead set out to tell the world about Jesus with their own power?
 - ☉ How might the results have been different in Acts 2 if they had set out on their own instead of waiting for the Holy Spirit? How might this have affected the start of the early Christian church?
- ◆ Read Acts 1:9-14.
- ◆ It is important to notice what the believers in Acts 1 did as they waited for the Holy Spirit– the men and women prayed constantly.
 - ☉ Why did they pray instead of trying to figure out what the Holy Spirit was, when they might receive the Holy Spirit, and what they should do once they received the Spirit?
 - ☉ What did they hope to accomplish by praying constantly?
 - ☉ What does the word ‘constantly’ tell us about their prayer time?
- ◆ We like to be in control. We like to be self reliant. These characteristics are at odds with the Christian life.
 - ☉ How good are you at allowing God to be in control of your life? Why or why not?
 - ☉ When you have a decision to make (at home, at work, at church...) what do you tend to do? Do you take it to God in prayer or do you set out on your own power?
 - ☉ If you sat around at work and prayed all day without any action you are probably going to get fired! How do you balance prayer with action?
 - ☉ When is it most important to first inquire of God through prayer?
 - ☉ What is a significant decision in your life right now that you are in the process of making? Have you taken this decision to God in prayer?
 - ☉ What needs to change in your life so that God can be more in control?

Prayer:

- ◆ Spend a few moments having your group’s prayer coordinator gather prayer requests from your group.
- ◆ Lift up your group’s prayer requests as well as significant decisions of your group members in prayer. *Consider inviting each person in the group to pray.*

Preparation for Next Time:

- ◆ Daily spend time with God in prayer.