



LEADER'S NOTES

You Have a Gift

Acts 2:1-41

Question 1 – Recognizing the Gift

Start by sharing a bit of your personal experience. If you're comfortable, talk about a time when you felt unsure, distant, or unaware of the Holy Spirit's role in your life. Being honest and vulnerable will encourage others to open up. Affirm that all believers go through seasons of confusion or distance — it's part of the journey.

Question 2 - The Holy Spirit: Who, Not What

Invite participants to share any past misunderstandings or questions they've had about the Holy Spirit. Let them know it's okay if they've seen the Spirit as distant or hard to relate to.

Additional Scripture: **John 14:16-17, John 14:26**

Create a warm, open space where they can explore what it might mean to view the Holy Spirit as a close and personal presence in their lives. How might that change the way they pray, seek guidance, or experience God's comfort and strength each day?

Question 3 – Empowered to Be on Mission

As you guide your group through Acts 2:1-8, highlight the supernatural boldness and cross-cultural communication that the Holy Spirit empowered in the early believers. Emphasize that this same Spirit is available to us today, equipping ordinary people to do extraordinary things for God's kingdom. Encourage participants to think practically about their own mission fields — whether at work, in their families, among friends, or on social media. Help them see that being Spirit-led isn't limited to church settings; it's about living with purpose and courage in everyday life.

Question 4 – Obstacles to Full Surrender

Be sensitive, as these questions can bring up deep emotions. Frame **surrender** as a loving invitation from God, not a guilt trip. Encourage participants to think about areas where they may be holding back from following the Spirit's lead due to fear, doubt, or past pain. Help them identify any beliefs or fears that might be stopping them from fully trusting God and show them the freedom that comes with surrender. Finally, ask them to reflect on whether they may be unintentionally resisting the Spirit's work in their lives.

Question 5 – Living Out the Gift

Encourage the group to think about how they can be more aware of the Holy Spirit's presence in their everyday lives. Ask them to consider small steps they can take, like praying or listening for guidance. Discuss how inviting the Spirit into their homes, workplaces, or communities could bring positive change. Finally, talk about what "living on mission" means in their current season—whether it's serving others, sharing faith, or living out God's purpose where they are. Keep the conversation practical and open, allowing everyone to reflect on how they can apply these ideas.