

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: If you were shipwrecked on a deserted island and could only take five items off the sinking ship, what would you take?

1. Pastor Tony outlined three ways many of us relate to the Holy Spirit: mystically, intellectually, and personally. Which one is the most typical way for you to relate to Him?
2. In the message we saw that the Holy Spirit provides us with context. Through the Holy Spirit we realize that apart from Jesus we are disconnected and therefore dead. Read John 3:5-8a. Discuss this passage and your response to the first "gut check" opportunity.
3. The Holy Spirit also convicts us. How does John 16:5-11 show us the nature of the Holy Spirit's conviction in our lives?
4. Pastor Tony also explained that, "God has more to tell you, and will tell it to you as the Holy Spirit, day-by-day." What has Holy Spirit been revealing to you lately?
5. The tagline for this series states, *"because of the Holy Spirit our life can be different."* In light of the three statements and the corresponding passages, how do you think God would have you respond?
6. At the end of the message Pastor Tony shared that "It's impossible to be a good, moral person...but it is possible to let God live in me and change me." How have you seen this truth in your life? How can you depend on Holy Spirit today?

PERSONAL GUIDE

DAY ONE: Acts 6

DAY TWO: Acts 7

DAY THREE: Acts 8

DAY FOUR: Acts 9

DAY FIVE: Acts 10

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NEW DAY
NEW SEASON

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A DIFFERENT LIFE



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"BRAND NEW"
JANUARY 12TH 2020



“Brand New”

[Tony Myles, Student Ministries Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

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The Big Idea: Throughout your entire life, even when you were _____ out in the weeds, God has been _____ you and telling you that something _____ is possible.

Quick recap:

- The Holy Spirit is not an "it" or a "thing."
- HE is God, magnifying Jesus in/through your life by speaking, leading, guiding, commanding, interceding, testifying and appointing.
- His power ____ your power.

Where do we tend to land on that?

- Some relate to Him _____
- Some relate to Him _____
- Some relate to Him _____

Context: We all are _____ (and, therefore, _____)

Jesus answered: I tell you for certain that before you can get into God’s kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit. Humans give life to their children. Yet only God’s Spirit can change you into a child of God. Don’t be surprised when I say that you must be born from above. Only God’s Spirit gives new life. (John 3:5-8a, CEV)

- Notice, Jesus said this to people who _____ Him.
- Notice, the spirit of _____ appears strong.
- Notice, the Holy Spirit alone gives new life.

Gut check: _____

Conviction: With the Holy Spirit, it’s not name-calling...

it’s _____. (see *John 16:5-11*)

- He challenges what we think is “_____.” (v.7)
- He “exposes / convinces / reveals” (v.8)
- He reveals that the whole world can be _____. (v.9)

Gut check: _____

Continuation: God has more to tell you, and will tell it to you as the Holy Spirit, _____.

- When God speaks, He doesn’t contradict Himself – even as the Trinity.

Because of the Holy Spirit our life can be different:

- Opposition comes from _____...
but Life comes from _____. (see *Ephesians 2:1-5*)
- Being a new creation means we are changed and are being changed. (see *2 Corinthians 5:17*)
- God doesn’t want us guessing about if we’re _____.
(see *Romans 8:16*)

Gut check: _____

Don’t miss this: “It’s impossible to be a good, moral person... but it is possible to let God _____ - and _____.”

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- Notice, the spirit of self appears strong.
- Notice, the Holy Spirit alone gives new life.

Gut check: _____

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- He challenges what we think is “best.” (v.7)
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