

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: The best place I have ever gone on vacation (and why) is...

1. Have someone in your group look up the dictionary definition of **blasphemy** so everyone's on the same page. Anything surprising in that definition to discuss?
2. Read **Matthew 12:22-32**. In light of the context of these verses, how does Jesus' response strike you? What had the Pharisees done in their desperate attempt to discredit Jesus?
3. What are some ways that you have seen people give credit to anyone or anything instead of Jesus so that they wouldn't have to admit that He was real, or active in our world? Read **Acts 7:51**. Is there a parallel to our day?
4. As Christ-followers, in whom Holy Spirit lives, how we live affects our relationship with Him. Read **Ephesians 4:25-32**. How are we to live? When we disobey, it grieves the Holy Spirit, creating distance between us and God. What are some things that God is convicting you to tighten up?
5. Read **Ephesians 5:1-2**. Pastor Tom challenged us to allow Holy Spirit to lift us from the bondage of unresolved conflict. What relationships in your life need a dose of the kind of love Jesus modeled? What steps can you take this week to live out this new understanding?
6. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:19-22**. There are many ways in which we can quench the Spirit's fire, all involving our disobedience. Whether it's ignoring God's gifts to us, actively or passively disobeying, if we surrender control of our lives to Holy Spirit, His fire will spring back to life! If you're willing, share some of the ways you've quenched the Spirit's fire in your life, and steps you're going to take this week to fan those flames instead.

PERSONAL GUIDE

DAY ONE: Acts 16

DAY TWO: Acts 17

DAY THREE: Acts 18

DAY FOUR: Acts 19

DAY FIVE: Acts 20

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NEW DAY
NEW SEASON

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A DIFFERENT LIFE



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP
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"SERIOUSLY"
JANUARY 26TH 2020



“Seriously”

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

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But to _____ these things will be spiritually devastating.

Let's begin with the _____ thing first:

1. _____ the Holy Spirit

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Note Matthew 12:24, 28

Note Acts 7:51

The unforgiveable sin is to _____ in unbelief, to reject the truth about Jesus and resisting the gracious and compelling witness and conviction of the Holy Spirit.

If this _____ to the Holy Spirit continues until death, it becomes the unforgiveable sin.

Say YES to Jesus as Lord today!

2. _____ the Holy Spirit

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Since the Holy Spirit is the One who transforms us, makes us part of the Body of Jesus Christ, gifts and equips us for ministry, and is the source of true _____ in the church, what could we do that would _____ Him?

Note Ephesians 4:25-29, 31-32; 5:1-4 (how we _____ each other).

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Take a moment to let the Holy Spirit lift you from the bondage of unresolved conflict...resentment.

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- A. _____ the fuel supply—_____ God's gracious gifts to us...
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