

Discussion Guide and Study Notes

Please use this guide in your Life Group discussion to help glean the most from our Sunday morning teaching. These notes are also excellent for your personal study and growth.

TILL [Get the soil ready]

In your life time, what fads have started (pet rocks, Beanie Babies, Silly Bands, etc.)? What ones have ended? What do you think makes a fad start and stop?

From around 35AD, across the globe, among nations and languages, the church has spread. It's no fad. But, what do you think can help churches grow today? What threatens the church? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in a church's growth?

SOW [What God wants us to hear]

See Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8 (remember, the book of Acts is like part two of the Gospel of Luke). What was the Holy Spirit to bring to the Apostles?

Look over Acts 2. What did the Holy Spirit do through Peter and the other Apostles?



Tend [Working the truth into our hearts]

Regarding the Holy Spirit, the pendulum has swung back and forth in churches and denominations.

- On one hand, some become focused on an experience rather than the Spirit himself, or they forget about Jesus and the Father.
- On the other hand, some become so fearful of being "weird" they shudder at the Spirit's work in their lives. They play it safe.

How should the Spirit be active in the Christ follower's life? See below.

- Acts 1:8 again
- John 14:15-16; 16:13
- 2 Tim. 1:14
- Gal. 5:16-6:1

Harvest [Where the fruit is seen]

Consider the pendulum question above. Where do you fall? What biblical role should the Holy Spirit have in your life?

Use one of the above passages as fodder for memorization or meditation. Is there any fear that prevents you from the Spirit working through you?

Preview: Forty days starts October 13! See your October @Zion (also available online at www.zionlife.com) for how to participate. How does God want you, your family, your Life Group, and your campus to grow?

