

(Note to Kinship Leader: You don't have to use every question – just what you want to use)

Message Date: 02/28/2010	Pastor: Mark Kirk
Message Title: The Holy Spirit – Part 3	
Scriptures: Various	
<u>“Recommended”</u> Launch Question(s):	
How does the belief that the “God of the Old Testament” is different than the “God of the New Testament” affect people’s belief or understanding of the Holy Spirit?	
<u>“Recommended”</u> Guiding Question(s):	
Every Christian wants to be used by God. Are you convinced that the Holy Spirit resides in you? <i>(If someone says no, share Christ and invite the person to do so. If so, you have then testified that you are a Saved and a Born Again believer. Give the Lord praise! (Go ahead and praise Him somehow right now. Ask each person to express it either with a thank you, raised hands, a clap, a shout or even a silent “amen”) (Come on you can do it!... Give gentle encouragement :)</i>	
We must realize that we have been given the victory and have been “set free” to live “as holy a life” as we desire to live. (Does everyone understand that?)... “In realizing that, “only now” are we ready to move forward”. (Read 2 nd Cor. 7:1 and discuss briefly)	
Pastor Mark asked the question: Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit that you might walk in the power of God? (Hold on to that response for a moment) Before we answer that... Can anyone find in God’s Word where Paul found a couple followers of John the Baptist that had repented from their sin but had not received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for power in their lives? (Begin search, ask, How can we identify with these powerless believers at times in our walk with Christ?)	
It is fair to say that every man is as holy as he really desires to be (Sad but true). However, He may not be as “full” as he wishes he were... but he is certainly as full as he truly wants to be. Our Lord placed this beyond dispute when he spoke in Matthew 5:6 (Go read it). The problem is not to persuade God to fill us but to want God enough to permit Him to do so.	
<u>“Recommended”</u> Summary Question(s):	
Hunger and thirst can lead us to food and water. Hunger and thirst for God can lead us to His Living Water. What circumstances and trial in your life have drawn you to that River of God? Have you counted those trials “Joy”? (Pray: Lord, may I not be so content in my present situation that do not hunger and thirst after your righteousness and get filled)	
<u>“Recommended”</u> Application Question(s):	
This week, ask yourself, how will I now look differently at my life circumstances and how God gives His Holy Spirit to me? (Really challenge them to apply and look with new eyes at their trials and opportunities)	
(Pray: Draw us Lord, Fill us Holy Spirit for your precious purposes)	