

## Cooperating with the Holy Spirit Small Group Guide

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Do you prefer working in groups or by yourself? Explain.
2. How regularly do you rely on your phone or GPS to help you get where you're trying to go? How much would it impact you if you had to go somewhere new without a phone or GPS?

**Read the following passage:** Acts 2:1-21.

Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot do what God has called us to do. Therefore, we should commit ourselves to learning how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts describes how the Holy Spirit worked through men and women in the early church. Acts 2 suggests many ways we can cooperate with the Holy Spirit: 1) We can gather together with other believers (especially for times of prayer); 2) We can take a step of faith to do what the Holy Spirit is leading us to do; 3) We can look to the Scriptures to help us make sense of what we are experiencing; and 4) We can focus on Jesus.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Although it is important for all of us to get at least some time to ourselves, why is isolation so unhealthy for us? Relatedly, why is gathering together with other believers so important? What are some ways we see the Holy Spirit working among groups of believers in the book of Acts? Do you prioritize attending weekly worship services in person? Explain.
2. The book of Acts is filled with stories of people taking steps to act as they are led by the Holy Spirit. Generally speaking, are you more prone to "wait" for God to do something in your life (as the disciples were told to do before the day of Pentecost), or are you more prone to take action in a way you believe God wants you to act? Explain.
3. Are there any gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life that you think God wants you to employ more regularly? More broadly, are there any important steps God is leading you to take in your life right now? Explain.
4. Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit and also regularly relied upon the Scriptures. Explain why we need both the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures in our lives. How do these two gifts from God complement each other?

5. How do the Scriptures help us differentiate our own desires from the genuine leading of the Holy Spirit?
6. Read John 16:12-15. How does the work of the Holy Spirit connect with the work of Jesus and the work of the Father?

**Pray**