

May 21 - Week 21 – Questions to Consider

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

Who (other than God) made the biggest impact on your life?

New Testament

Acts 12 ~ Acts 13 ~ Acts 14 ~ Acts 15 ~ Acts 16

1. How would you feel if government officials started arresting and killing believers in your church? What effect do you think it would have on church attendance, baptisms, missions, and giving? How did the early church respond when James was killed by Herod (Acts 12:1-5)?
2. What goes through our minds when some are delivered from evil/sickness/death and others are not? What does the rescue of Peter tell us about God (Acts 12:6-19)? What do you think of the reaction of the prayer group when Peter arrived? How has God amazed you at His answers to your prayers? What has God taught you when your prayers were not answered as you had hoped?
3. What do we learn about the seriousness of God's name and wrath in the story of Herod's death (Acts 12:20-25)?
4. Look at the description of Manaen in the list of early believers (Acts 13:1). What would it have taken for him to become a believer? How did God save you? How has God surprised you in how He has worked salvation in the lives of others?
5. Although all Christians are sent out to go witness and make disciples (missions), some are specially called and sent for specific seasons to specific places for missions work. How was the sending out of Barnabas and Saul unique (Acts 13:2-3). How should this guide our process for sending out missionaries and missions teams?
6. Can you think of biblical examples of "cursing" someone who is intent on evil? Or Psalms of God's wrath and judgment (imprecatory Psalms)? What do you think it would have been like to witness Paul's cursing of Elymas (Acts 13:8-12)? How do we reconcile Paul's cursing of his enemy with Jesus's guidance on enemies in Luke 6:27-36? Romans 12:14?
7. Why is the Gospel "good news" (Acts 13:32)? Why does Paul summarize the Bible story? What was the Gentiles' response (Acts 13:48-52)? What does "as many as were appointed to eternal life believed" mean?

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The Holy Spirit: Power and Life

(Acts 19:2)

And he said to them,

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

And they said,

"No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." (ESV)

The Holy Spirit Seals our S_____.

"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit," Ephesians 1:13

The Holy Spirit R_____ and R_____ Us.

"he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" Titus 3:5

The Holy Spirit Comforts us with J_____.

"You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit." 1 Thessalonians 1:6

The Holy Spirit I_____ for us.

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit Helps Us Understand

S_____.

“What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.” 1 Corinthians 2:12

The Holy Spirit S_____ and

C_____.

“For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.” Galatians 5:17

“And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” John 16:8

The Holy Spirit Gives us Spiritual G_____.

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.” 1 Corinthians 12:4

-Don't “Grieve” or “Quench” The Holy Spirit

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption” Ephesians 4:30

“Do not quench the Spirit.” 1 Thessalonians 5:19

How Are Some Ways We Are “Grieving” And “Quenching” The Holy Spirit? (Ephesians 4:25-32)

-Lying and Dishonesty (v.25)

-Sinning as a result of anger (v. 26,27)

-Being dishonest in our work.(v. 28)

-Slander/ Unwholesome talk (v. 29)

-Quarreling/Wishing Others Harm(v.30)

-Unforgiveness (v. 32)

-Sexual Immorality (Ephesians 5:3)



*Here are some helpful
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Spirit from gotquestions.org.
Simply Scan the QR codes
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- This Next Week's New Testament Reading Plan:**
Week 22: Acts 17 ~ Acts 18 ~ Acts 19 ~ Acts 20 ~ Acts 21
- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
 - **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
 - **Our Plan:** www.southfork.church/2022-bible-reading-plan