

## WEEK 8: FEBRUARY 16-22

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LESSON

### MEETING AGENDA



1. **OPENING PRAYER** - Ask one person to open the meeting in prayer.
2. **GROWTH QUESTIONS** - Ask everyone the Growth Questions.
3. **ATTENDANCE** - Take attendance through the DG Attendance System.
4. **TODAY'S LESSON** - Go over this week's DG lesson.
5. **GIVING** - Encourage everyone to give on the App.
6. **CLOSING PRAYER** - Ask for prayer requests and pray.



#### GROWTH QUESTION #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?



#### GROWTH QUESTION #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?



#### GROWTH QUESTION #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR EVERYONE

### TODAY'S PASSAGE:

*Acts 10:44-48 (NLT) - 44 Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. 45 The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. 46 For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. Then Peter asked, 47 "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" 48 So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.*



#### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

What did you learn from what we just read?



## INSIGHT #1

THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLS WHERE THE WORD OF  
GOD IS TAUGHT! (V. 44)

**44 Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message.**

- Whenever the message about Jesus Christ is being taught, the Holy Spirit is ready to fall on those that are listening.
- The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit. He is active in our lives to guide, comfort, teach, and empower us to walk in purpose.
- A key to receiving the Holy Spirit is to listen intently to the word.
- Whenever you prepare your heart to hear the Word of God, expect the Spirit of God to be present.

**John 14:26 (NLT) - But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.**



## INTERACTIVE QUESTION

According to verse 44, why is it so important to listen and receive the word of God?



## INSIGHT #2

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR EVERYONE WHO  
BELIEVES! (V. 45-46)

**45 The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. 46 For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.**

- At this time, the Jewish believers were amazed that God would pour out His Spirit on the Gentiles (those who were not Jewish and didn't practice the same customs as the Jewish people).

- The Gentiles were seen as unclean and lower class citizens.
- But since the beginning, God's plan has always been to rescue and fill all people with his spirit.

**Acts 2:17a (NLT) - 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy.**

- God wants to pour His Spirit upon everyone who believes!
- Sometimes we can look down on others because they are not like us. However, we should remember that God wants everyone to hear the message about Jesus and receive His spirit.



#### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Since the Good News about Jesus is for everyone, who can you share this message to this week?



#### INSIGHT #3

WE CANNOT DENY ANYONE FROM RECEIVING JESUS! (V. 47-48)

**Then Peter asked, 47 "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" 48 So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.**

- We cannot object when a sinner gets saved! We must recognize that the plan of God is for all to be saved!
- This is why we celebrate, rejoice, and make time for people to hear the gospel.
- Sometimes we reject others from knowing Jesus when we judge them, or refuse to tell them about Jesus.
- When people are saved, they receive the Holy Spirit in their lives to transform them, guide them, and empower them.

**Acts 2:38 (NLT) - Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"**



### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Can someone share the time when you shared Jesus with someone?



### CLOSING QUESTION

What is one thing from today's lesson that you will apply this week?



## GIVING

**The ministry of giving meets the needs of others, impacts lives, and results in joyous expressions of thanks to God, becoming a tangible demonstration of obedience to the transformative message of Christ.**

### **2 Corinthians 9:12-13 (NLT)**

*12 So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. 13 As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.*

Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.

## PRAYER



### QUESTION #1

Who are you praying for to be saved?



### QUESTION #2

Who can you invite to the next meeting?



### QUESTION #3

What are your prayer requests?