



TALK IT OVER GUIDE- Baptized with Fire

Ice Breaker

If you could have any superpower for one day, what would it be and why?

Key Verses

- Acts 2:1-4
- Acts 2:5-12
- Ephesians 5:18
- 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Questions

- Pastor Mark described three monumental moments in history: creation, Jesus' incarnation, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Why do you think the third one often remains a mystery to many Christians?
- What does it mean to be 'filled with the Spirit' and why is it an ongoing process rather than a one-time event?

- The sermon mentioned that 'we leak' in both good and bad ways. What are some ways you've experienced this in your own spiritual journey?
- How have you seen the Holy Spirit bring glory to God in your life or in the lives of others around you?
- Mark listed several spiritual gifts mentioned in Scripture. Have you identified any specific gifts the Spirit has given you? How are you using them?
- What's the difference between trying to be the 'junior Holy Spirit' in someone's life versus creating space for the Holy Spirit to work?
- The sermon mentioned that humanity often tries to 'hijack' the Holy Spirit. What are some ways you've seen this happen in churches or among believers?
- What does it practically look like to 'fan into flame' the gift of the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

Life Application

This week, take time each morning to intentionally invite the Holy Spirit to fill you and guide your day. Keep a small journal or note on your phone where you record moments when you sense the Spirit's presence, guidance, or power. Pay attention to opportunities where the Spirit might be creating space for your obedience - perhaps in sharing your faith, serving someone, or using a spiritual gift. At the end of the week, reflect on these experiences and identify one specific area where you can continue to 'fan into flame' the gift of the Spirit in your life, whether through developing love, exercising spiritual power, or practicing self-discipline.

Key Takeaways

- The Holy Spirit's outpouring at Pentecost marked a transition from God's law being written on stone to being written on believers' hearts.
- The Holy Spirit fills all believers, not just leaders, and requires continual filling because we 'leak' through service, hardship, and sin.

- The Holy Spirit's role includes bringing glory to God, empowering believers with gifts, creating opportunities for obedience, working in all people, and fulfilling Jesus' mission.
- We should avoid trying to manipulate or control the Spirit, instead being hungry for God's presence and fanning into flame the gift of the Spirit that provides love, power, and self-discipline.

Ending Prayer

Gracious God, thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit who lives within us. We are grateful that You did not leave us as orphans but sent Your Spirit to guide, empower, and transform us. Forgive us for the times we've tried to control Your Spirit or when we've neglected this incredible gift. Fill us anew today and help us to be vessels through which Your love, power, and self-discipline can flow. May we be sensitive to Your leading this week, recognizing the opportunities You create for our obedience. Help us to use the gifts You've given us to bring glory to Your name and to participate in Your ongoing movement in this world. We open our hands and hearts to receive all that You have for us. In Jesus' name, amen.