



GHOST STORIES

Week One | The Campfire | 10.15-16.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal study time or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: This time of the year can be spooky and mysterious, with many different opinions about how to approach it. The same thing can be said for the Holy Spirit. In the absence of clear teaching or crystalized approaches, we often ignore how God promises His Spirit, which we used to call the Holy Ghost, into the lives of all of His followers. Let's discover how to tap into the power God has already given us.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting or if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Do you like ghost stories? Why or why not?
- Digging Deeper: Talk about what you know or have heard about the Holy Spirit.

» Observation | Read Acts 2:1-13

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Power and purpose in his pattern and plan.

(12 minutes)

- When discussing the Holy Spirit, do we call the Spirit an "It" or a "Him"? Why?
- What makes it difficult to see the Spirit as an equally powerful and purposeful part of the Godhead?

» Promise in the Pattern | Reread Acts 2:1-4; Isaiah 59:20-21; Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 24:44-53

(12 minutes)

- How did Jesus' baptism set the precedent for Pentecost? How are they similar? How are they different?
- Why is it significant that prophecy promised the Spirit to believers? What does it coming in flames indicate?

» Power in His Presence | Reread Acts 2:5-12; Genesis 41:34-41; Daniel 4:4-9; Ezekiel 36:25-27

(12 minutes)

- How can it be explained that Old Testament leaders who did not follow God recognized the power of His Spirit?
- What changes could the new church expect from the Spirit's presence, based on scripture and experience?

» Purpose in His Plan | Reread Acts 2:13; Joel 2:28-29; John 14:15-17, 16:13; Romans 8:5-17

(12 minutes)

- How does living according to the Spirit and seeking God's truth seem ridiculous to our current culture?
- Can the prophetic words of God be trusted? If so, how should we be sharing the gospel? If not, why?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- The Holy Spirit often prompts us to do things. Who might the Holy Spirit be telling you to reach out to that you've been ignoring?
- Close by praying for one another to open your heart and your mind to what the Holy Spirit might be doing in your life this week.