



GHOST STORIES

Week Two | The Flashlight | 10.22-23.2022

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: What is something you have heard about the Holy Spirit that you are not sure is true?
- Digging Deeper: Of all the things the Spirit could direct you into, which ones are you avoiding right now?

» Observation | Read Psalm 51:11,12; Exodus 34:29-32; Matthew 4:1-11

(12 minutes)

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

» Key Principle | **Our vision is blindness without the Spirit.**

(12 minutes)

- Have you ever used a decoder to decrypt a secret message? How did it unlock information that you were blind to initially?
- What is a barrier to our relationship to and co-habitation with the Spirit? Why?

» Permanent | Reread Psalm 51:11,12; Isaiah 59:21; Genesis 1:1,2; Hebrews 9:11-15

(12 minutes)

- How do we see the Spirit's eternal nature in light of His presence at Creation, the Crucifixion, and in our lives today?
- In what ways do we allow the Spirit into our daily lives? In what ways do we block Him?

» Permeates | Reread Exodus 34:29-32; Isaiah 11:1,2; Jude 1:17-25; Corinthians 1:19-22

(12 minutes)

- How do believers today shine with God's glory? How can that help us to be merciful to unbelievers?
- Does the Spirit's wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the Lord permeate our lives today?

» Powers | Reread Matthew 4:1-11; Judges 6:34,35; 1 Samuel 11:5-7; Acts 1:8,9

(12 minutes)

- If Jesus' last words to His disciples was a promise of the Spirit's power, how should we live out that promise today?
- What do the actions of the Spirit in Judges and 1 Samuel tell us that He "clothes" and "rushes upon" believers?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- What is standing in the way of allowing God's presence to radiate from your life? How could you start to remove that barrier this week?
- Close by praying for one another to allow more of God's presence to be reflected in your daily life by your actions, words, and thoughts.