

BRMC Small Group Study: Holy Spirit Session 1

Participant's Copy

Scripture Passage:

Focus: John 1:32-33

Supplementary: Acts 10:37-38 and Romans 8:26-27

Open to the Spirit:

Focus chapter: 2

Supplementary chapters: "Introduction", 1 and 24

Lesson Objectives:

- Being open to the Spirit is an active choice which may require a paradigm shift for some of us.
- Being open to the Spirit is modelled in the life of Jesus.
- Being open to the Spirit enables us to grow spiritually.
- Being open to the Spirit empowers us do God's will.

Introductory

1. From the focus passage, through whom can we be baptised with the Holy Spirit? What does it mean for us to be baptised in the Spirit?

2. What can we learn from Acts 10:37-38 as to why we need to be open to the Spirit?

3. How, does Acts 10:38 say, was Jesus as a man able to do all that He did?

Reflection

4. Have I been open to the Spirit and all His powers which can be manifested in me?

5. Have you ever had an experience when you “felt” the power of the Spirit? How did you respond? Did you allow it to freely move in you and through you? Or did you get scared and you just ignored it or even denied what you felt?

6. What may be some reservations which you may have when you think about opening yourself to the working of the Holy Spirit in your life, which the author did not touch on?

Application

7. Do you want to be open to the Spirit as Jesus was? How will you allow the Spirit to work in you and through you?

Prayer

8. Write out a prayer for yourself based on what you have heard and learned from this session.