

BRMC Small Group Study: Holy Spirit Session 8

Participant's Copy

Scripture Passage:

Focus: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Supplementary: 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, Matthew 10:8 and Ephesians 6:12

Open to the Spirit:

Focus chapter: 21

Supplementary chapters: 22 and 23

Lesson Objectives:

- The gift of speaking in tongues, healing and spiritual battles are part of the works of the Holy Spirit in and through the believer.
- Being open to the Spirit allows us to fully experience all that the powerful God can do.

Introductory

1. In your own words, try to explain or describe the following:
(This may help the leader assess each member's understanding of the topics. Perhaps in this section, questions and clarifications should be entertained. You may address the questions using some of the explanations taken from the book.)
 - a. *speaking in tongues* (1 Corinthians 14:1-5)
 - b. *healing (death, sickness)* (Matthew 10:8)
 - c. *spiritual battles* (Ephesians 6:12)
2. Can you cite instances in the Bible where Jesus and the Apostles healed people and conquered the power of evil? (Example references: Matthew 8:1-9:34, Acts 3:1-10, Matthew 4:1-11)

3. What does the Apostle Paul mean when he said in 1 Corinthians 12:7 that the manifestation of the Spirit is for the common good?

Reflection

4. Having considered the focus and supplementary passages, how would you describe your attitude or receptivity to the gift of speaking in tongues or healing by the Holy Spirit?

Application

5. Now that we have learnt the importance of being open to the Spirit, what will be your next step? How can you translate what you have learned into definite action steps?
6. Being aware that a spiritual battle is present in a Christian's life, how then will you prepare for your daily battle, for victory in your life?

Prayer

7. Write out a prayer for yourself based on what you have heard and learned from this session and in reviewing the other 7 sessions.