

Cell Notes

Drenched Like Jesus: Holy Spirit Series Part 2

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We saw how the Gospel of John opens (Ch 1 v29-34) with the double comment on Jesus by John the Baptist as both the 'lamb' who takes away the sin of the world but also the one who will 'baptise' in the Holy Spirit. We then saw how in John 7: 37-39 Jesus gave a sneak preview into what this latter role will be, once He was 'glorified'. In light of these promises, we then read 5 sections in the book of Acts which describe similar but subtly contrasting incidents where it seems Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit upon both believers and non-believers and indeed baptises them in the Holy Spirit as fulfilment of the preceding promises.

1. Go through each of the following incidents and discuss what the effects seem to be to people of being baptised in the Spirit/having the Spirit 'fall on them/'receive the Spirit/'filled with the Spirit'" – Acts 2 v1-4, v14-17 & v38-47, Acts 8 v6-22, Act 9 v3-6 & v17-18, Acts 10 v44-48, Acts 19 v1-7.
2. In light of the above, what do you most desire to see more of in your life and why? Are there any of these things you fear God doing in you and why?
3. How do we handle the inevitable tension that arises between being grateful for what we have received and what we read about in the book of Acts? I.e. a humble hunger not straying into an unhealthy demanding spirit?

In light of the above, get into small groups and pray for one another