

## Community Group Questions Greater Things - Week 1

## 1. Ice Breaker

 Who's someone you feel like you should know better than you actually do?

## 2. Discussion Questions

- When it comes to knowing the Holy Spirit, is your initial reaction to feel suspicious, uninformed or expectant for God to move?
- Read John 16:7 In what ways is it better that Jesus left and the Holy Spirit came?
- Read John 14:12 How can the church do greater things than Christ did?
- If we need to empty ourselves in order for the Holy Spirit to fill us, what gets in the way of emptying ourselves? Why don't we do that more often?
- How does it change your perspective to think of the Holy Spirit as a Comforter, Advocate, and Counselor, rather than just a force or vague spiritual energy?
- Which role of the Spirit do you most relate to right now—comforting, convicting, empowering, guiding?
- Read Luke 11:13 What would it look like for you to start seeking God more expectantly this week? What's one small step you could take?

## 3. Extra Scriptures

- Genesis 1:2 "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."
- Genesis 2:7 "Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

- Joel 2:28 "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."
- John 14:16-17 "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another
  advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The
  world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him.
  But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."
- Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- Acts 2:1-4 "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."
- Acts 2:38-39 "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."
- Romans 8:9 "You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ."
- Romans 8:14-15 "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"
- 1 Corinthians 2:12 "What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us."
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.
- Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and selfcontrol. Against such things there is no law."