

Life Group Notes – w/c Sunday 1st November

[NB. The discussion part of this section of the evening should last no more than about 30 minutes. Also, the notes below are by no means meant to be prescriptive. Please feel free to adapt or ignore them as best fits the group you are a part of – don't feel you need to cover every question!!]

Key Passage: Luke 3:15-17; Acts 19:1-7

On Sunday we continued our series on 'Foundations' based on Hebrews 6:1-3. This week we looked at **instruction on baptisms** – part 2.

Baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

1. How would you sum up (in one sentence) the reason why Jesus came?

Now read Luke 3:15-17. What do you think is the significance of what John the Baptist says in these verses about why Jesus came??

2. Why is baptism with the Holy Spirit important? Do you agree that this is a distinct event??

Encourage the group to share about their own experience of being baptised with or receiving the Holy Spirit.

3. In the passage from Acts 19, what do you think prompted Paul to ask the question that he asks in verse 2?

Do you think Paul would ask the same question if he attended one of your small group meetings??

4. What happens when people are baptised or filled with the Holy Spirit? (See Acts 2:4; 4:31; 8:17-18; 9:17-18; 10:44-48; 19:6.) How does this compare with your own experience??

5. What do you think John means when he talks about baptism with fire?

In what ways has your faith been tested recently? How have you grown or what have you learnt as a result??

Trust these help,

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