Week 1: Know It

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. The third person of the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit).
 - I. The Holy Spirit is God.
 - a. He is our comforter, counselor, and helper.
 - i. Comforter: Someone who is comforting (helps you feel less worried, upset, or frightened).
 - ii. Counselor: Someone who speaks to us personally and gives us the wisdom for decisions, plans, and guides us.
 - iii. Helper: To rescue.
 - 1) He is our ever-present help in a time of need.
 - II. Leader: Tell a story of a time the Holy Spirit gave you supernatural comfort/wisdom in a time of need.

WHAT IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. Acts 1:4 Jesus instructed them, "Don't leave Jerusalem, but wait here until you receive the gift I told you about, the gift the Father has promised. For John baptized you in water, but in a few days from now you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit!"
 - i. Greek Word for Baptism: Baptizo means to immerse
 - A) Immerse: to plunge into something that surrounds or covers completely.
 - ii. Illustration: Group will get a cup with Kool-Aid powder in it and a cup with water in it.
 - A) Leader: The cup with Kool-Aid powder represents the deposit of the Holy Spirit in you when you receive salvation.
 - a) You will then pour the cup of water inside the cup that has the Kool-Aid powder representing what happens when you get immersed with the Holy Spirit (receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit).

RECAP QUESTIONS:

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
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- What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Week 2: Have It



- I. Gives us power to be a witness of the Gospel.
 - a. 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."
 - i. Leader: Share a story with the students of a time you were able to be a witness for the Gospel.
- II. You receive a heavenly prayer language.
 - a. Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately]."
 - 1) When you don't know what you ought to pray for, the Spirit of God intercedes on your behalf.
 - 2) You pray out mysteries in the spirit.
 - 3) It edifies you (builds you up).
- A. How do I receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
 - a. The same way that you receive salvation—by grace through faith.
 - i. It's a free gift on the table that you get to say "yes" to and receive.

Leader: have the students bow their heads and close their eyes:

- I. Give them the opportunity to say "yes" to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- II. Explain to the students: The Holy Spirit is a gentleman; He is not going to force Himself on you!
 - a. We must open our mouths and allow the Holy Spirit to give us utterance.
- III. Leader: Lay hands on each of the students who want to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

a. Any student who is already baptized in the Holy Spirit can lay hands on their friends.b. Prayer (have them repeat after you): Dear Jesus, I receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, to immerse me with all You are. Thank You for this gift that I could not earn or deserve. In Jesus' name, amen.

c. All leaders and students will then begin to pray in their heavenly prayer language together. (Encourage students to speak out loud, and practice speaking in tongues.)

- IV. After finishing prayer: Preface that it is okay if they did not hear themselves pray.
 - a. Give them ways they can practice:
 - i. In the car
 - ii. In the shower
 - iii. In their bedroom at home

Celebrate with the students of the new gift they have received!

Week 3: Share It

LEADER: SHARE A STORY OF THE TIME YOU GOT BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HOW IT HAS IMPACTED YOU.

- I. Any time you relied on the Spirit when you did not know what you ought to pray for.
- II. A time you realized you were walking in the supply of the Spirit you once prayed out.

ACTIVITY: PASS OUT NOTECARDS TO THE STUDENTS

- I. Have them answer the question on the notecard: "Why should someone receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?" in their own words.
- II. Have them partner up with someone in their group.
- III. Practice what this conversation would look like if they were to tell someone about the free gift of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- IV. Have them practice the prayer with their partner.
 - a. Prayer (have them repeat after you): Dear Jesus, I receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, to immerse me with all You are. Thank You for this gift that I could not earn or deserve. In Jesus' name, amen.

ACTIVITY: HAVE THE STUDENTS IDENTIFY A BELIEVER THEY HAVE IN THEIR LIVES THAT HAS RECEIVED THE GIFT OF SALVATION BUT NOT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I. This is a student they are going to reach out to this week about the Holy Spirit Baptism.

Celebrate with the students of all they have learned over these last 3 weeks!