



Rock Church
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Monthly Discipleship Focus for May:
Demonstrate a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts.

As a group, read the statements and scriptures then respond accordingly:

- 1. In order to have a stronger relationship with the Holy Spirit, we must welcome HIS presence.** Matthew 3:16-17 says, “¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus. Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit come upon you? What was it like? Pray that you would have an “encounter” with the Holy Spirit.
- 2. The Holy Spirit is mysterious and we can trust that His ways are good.** In John 3:5-8, “⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit^[b] gives birth to spirit.⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You^[c] must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”” Here Jesus is describing the need for spiritual birth which comes through believing in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. When we believe in Jesus we receive the Holy Spirit. This is often referred to as being “born again”. Have you made the decision to believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior and taken action to trust and follow Him with your life? If so, have you asked the Holy Spirit to guide you in your growth in Jesus?
- 3. The Holy Spirit empowers us for life’s battles.** Acts 1:8 says, “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.” God enables His people to accomplish His work wherever it may be. What are you battling now? How may those in your group pray for you?

This Month’s Memory Verse:

“And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.” ~Ephesians 4:11 NKJV

This Week’s Bible Readings & Bible Project Videos:

Ezra 1-10 <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ezra-nehemiah/>

Nehemiah 8-10 <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ezra-nehemiah/>

Psalms 60-66 <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/psalms/>

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