

The logo for Rock Foundations rGroup. It features the words "ROCK FOUNDATIONS" in a small, white, sans-serif font above the word "rGROUP" in a larger, bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a white rectangular box.

ROCK FOUNDATIONS  
**rGROUP**

Make sure to welcome everyone that arrives. Introduce yourself and let everyone know that you are glad they are there and that you hope to see them grow in their relationship with God and others at this rGroup.

Lesson Three

## **POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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In the Bible, there is a verse in Acts 1:8 that lets us know that we can have God's power to be His representatives (witnesses) in the world: "But you shall 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 end of the earth." (New King James Version - NKJV) Earlier in this chapter while Jesus was eating with His disciples, He gave them the command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (N KJV)

The instructor needs to ask the participants to quietly read this opening section that is shaded before you open in prayer as the instructor. This is done when people are arriving early.

Instructor will need to give these two fill-ins as the participants are reading the introduction.

And it is very important to know that God calls us not to be **religious** but instead calls us to be in **relationship** with Him. In our studies, we will learn about this relationship through what God teaches us in the Bible.

Before we continue, let's pray and ask God's Holy Spirit to open our hearts to receive His truth and to show us how to apply it in our lives.

Let's Pray

The instructor should lead in an opening prayer.

## Community

**Meeting new friends:** In groups of two or three, please take a few minutes to introduce yourself and briefly share where you are on your faith journey with God.

*Write the names of those you met today*


Have the participants now get into groups of two or three and give them 5-minutes to do this task.

## BEING BAPTIZED AND FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Baptism** means to be immersed into something. When a new believer makes a commitment to Jesus Christ, they are encouraged to be baptized (immersed) into water as a symbolic representation of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In a sense, they are immersed into God. Yet there is another baptism (immersion) that happens to believers when the Holy Spirit fills them.

Now the big question is "HOW?" do we become filled (baptized) with the Holy Spirit. When a person becomes a Christian through faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit is with them and in them, but there is another empowering when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, just as we read in Acts 1:8.

Let's read the answer to this question out of Luke 11:9-13: "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

The entire teaching (Slides 9-15) should take 20 minutes. Instructor should guide participants through this lesson, giving them the fill-in answers while discussing the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives to make us God's witnesses.

(Slide 16) The instructor should read this entire passage out loud to the participants. At the end of this reading, have the participants repeat out loud together the portion of the Scripture that is in **bold**.

**A great resource for you to invite a friend to know the Gospel and to being on this journey with you, is to text the word **Share** to **52525** and follow the prompts.**

### CLOSING PRAYER

When you ASK, believe God will answer your prayer. As a believer you simply need to ask that the Holy Spirit will fill you and that Jesus will baptize (immerse) you in His Holy Spirit as He comes upon you. You can pray this prayer every day so that you will be continually filled with God's Holy Spirit.

Let's pray this prayer out loud together in unison: "Father, I believe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and that He came and died on a cross to pay the debt of my sins. I confess that I need Your power to enable me to live the life that you want me to live as part of Your body in the world. I ask right now to be baptized with Your Holy Spirit and to be given the power I need to be a witness to Jesus Christ. In His name I pray Amen."

The final wrap up should take another 5-minutes

Instructors should encourage the participants to take out their phones to text "Share" to 52525.

Instructor should ask the participants to read and agree with the ensuing prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

## Next Steps

- **COMPLETE ROCK CHURCH FOUNDATIONS RGROUP STUDY**
- **LIFE CLASS:** [sdrock.com/lifeclasse](http://sdrock.com/lifeclasse) Sundays at 12pm to join Rock Church  
(For those that need to be better equipped to fulfill God's calling.)
- **JOIN IN ROCK CHURCH COMMUNITY**
- rGroup: [sdrock.com/rgroups](http://sdrock.com/rgroups)
- Ministry Group - Women's, Men's, Marriage, or Young Adult: [sdrock.com/ministries](http://sdrock.com/ministries)
- Outreach: [sdrock.com/ministries](http://sdrock.com/ministries)
- Serve on Sunday: [sdrock.com/volunteer](http://sdrock.com/volunteer)

The instructor should review these next steps to encourage participants to check off what they need to do to grow their faith.