

Life Group Preparation Notes
Extraordinary
Week 1: The Presence of the Holy Spirit
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Note for the facilitator: This week we're starting a new series called "Extraordinary". Over the next four weeks, we'll be exploring the power of the Holy Spirit, how it interacts with our daily life and can help us live extraordinary lives.

Worship: As you spend time with Jesus this week, listen to "[Freedom by Jesus Culture](#)". Allow this song to minister to you as you reflect on the freedom we find in Jesus and that wherever the Holy Spirit is, there is freedom. Commit all your cares, concerns, and burdens to Him, acknowledging that His grace is sufficient for you.

Check-In: Share a verse from your quiet time this past week that stood out to you or challenged you to change certain behaviours.

Bible Readings: John 10:10; 2 Cor 3:18; Gen 1:2; John 14:16-17; John 16:7; Acts 19:1-3; Acts 7:51; John 14:16; John 16:13; Isaiah 30:21.

Preparation and Discussion for Group Time:

1. Spend some time discussing what the Holy Spirit means to you. Use the following questions/statements as a guide: (1) What do you understand by the "Power of the Holy Spirit" and (2) the "Presence of the Holy Spirit"?
2. Have you experienced the Holy Spirit as "**The Comforter**" (John 14:16)? If so, share this with the group or share your understanding of this term.
3. The Holy Spirit is also known as a "**Counsellor**" (John 16:13), He guides and directs you. Have you had an encounter with the Holy Spirit where you needed guidance or direction and He came through for you? Share this with the group. Also look at Isaiah 30:21
4. Many are afraid of the Holy Spirit and regard it as a scary being. Yet, the Holy Spirit doesn't condemn us, **He convicts us**. Is this something you can identify with? Read John 16:18. Share with the group a time when you were convicted of something you said, did, or thought that was not pleasing to God or needed to do something for good and hesitated? Being convicted helps us become more like Jesus and enables us to live an extraordinary life. (2 Cor 3:18)

Check out and Prayer: Go around in a circle, and share what you can do differently this week to be more aware of the Holy Spirit and include Him in your life.

Love God:

- For personal study, here are suggested YouVersion devotionals:
 - [Walk in the Holy Spirit](#)
 - [Who is the Holy Spirit?](#)

Love People:

- Winter is here, as you buy new things or do a clean out of your cupboards. Please bring your gently used clothes for UTurn and help support those in need.
- The Marriage Course is designed to help couples to invest in their relationships, learn to communicate more effectively and resolve differences well. It's a 7-week online course starting the 18 July. [Sign up here](#).
- The Freedom Course is an important step in your discipleship journey, aimed at helping you renew your mind and potentially transforming every area of your life. For more info and to sign up, visit our website or the [Church Center App](#).