

EXPLORING PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

#3 AND ME – PART 3

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- Describe a time you explored something new. A place. A taste. A subject.

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Explain our culture's relationship with spirits, ghosts, demons, angels, etc. How do they view them? Treat them? Respond to them?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Why did you, or did you not, attempt to find the \$50 bill? What stopped you? What inspired you? Compare that to the altar response for people to be filled/refilled with the Holy Spirit.
- What surprised you about the results of the FLAG survey? (see page 3) What didn't surprise you?
- What was the first time you heard someone praying in the Spirit/speaking in tongues? What do you remember most?
- Pastor Mark defined speaking in tongues/praying in the Spirit as, "The supernatural speaking in an unknown tongue that is not understood by the mind of the speaker." What about that definition is still unclear to you?
- Speaking in tongues/praying in the Spirit is one gift, with two different purposes. (1) Personal prayer language and (2) utterance for others (with interpretation). Share which one, if either, you have personally experienced.
- What is the value of praying in the Spirit? Pastor Mark listed four benefits from 1 Corinthians 14:2, 4-5, and 14-15. Which one could you use the most?
- Talk about the altar time of people praying to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. What stood out to you? What confused you? What touched your heart?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Holy Spirit. Forgive me for neglecting you. I not only want more of You, I want You to have more of me. In the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Each day this week, when you pray, address the Holy Spirit directly, not indirectly.

1 Corinthians 12:30 (NIV)

³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

1 Corinthians 14:2 (NIV)

² For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

⁵ I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

¹⁵ So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

¹⁹ But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1 Corinthians 14:27-28 (NIV)

²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, two--or at the most three--should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret.

²⁸ If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and God.

33%

A – I am filled with the Spirit and pray in the Spirit regularly

26%

B – I was full of the Spirit and used to pray in the Spirit

32%

C – I do not pray in the Spirit, I'm curious

10%

D – I do not pray in the Spirit, I'm confused

5%

E – I believe the Chiefs will win the Super Bowl this year

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