



## ***Did You Receive the Spirit?***

**Main Scripture:** Acts 19:1-8

**Additional Scriptures:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:17-18, John 15:26-27, Acts 8:4-8, Acts 8:14-17, Ephesians 1:13-15, Luke 24:49, Luke 3:16, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:7, Acts 8:9, 1st Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 5:18-20, 1st Corinthians 12:1

### ***Discussion Questions***

**Read Acts 19:1-2.** Why was this such an important question for Paul?

- Why do you think that this has lost its importance for us today?

With the Holy Spirit, people usually go to one of two extremes: abuse or no use. What has been your past experience?

- How has this colored how you view the Holy Spirit?

Pastor Mike said "I would rather have a mess to clean up than to be in a sterile or dead room!" Do you agree with that? Why or why not?

**Read John 15:26-27.** The Holy Spirit *always* points to and bears witness to Jesus. If not, something is off. Have you had experiences with Holy Spirit activity that was a little on the weird side but ultimately proved itself to be from the Lord?

- How do you respond if someone says something is from the Holy Spirit but it does not point to Jesus and is "off"? What is the Biblical way to handle that?

**Read Ephesians 1:13 & Acts 1:9:1-8.** Pastor Mike talked about the fact that what Luke wrote is different than what Paul wrote. When Paul uses the term "receive the Spirit", Paul is talking about salvation and what has already theologically happened. When Luke uses "receive the Spirit", he is taking a historical approach and is describing the experiences of the believers in the early church. With this in mind, how should we respond to each of the Biblical authors and what they have to say about the Holy Spirit?

**Read Ephesians 5:18.** Why would Paul explain being filled with the Spirit by making an analogy with being drunk?

- How does being filled with the Spirit change the way we live our lives?
- Give some personal testimonies!