

# TAKE THE LEAD

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Opening Question

What has been your experience or understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in your life?

### Key Takeaways

- 1.) The Holy Spirit is not an optional "bonus round" of faith, but an essential part of the Christian life.
- 2.) Jesus said it was better for Him to leave so the Holy Spirit could come (John 16:7).
- 3.) A life led by the Spirit involves daily surrender and sacrifice.
- 4.) The fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) cannot be produced through willpower alone, but through transformation by the Holy Spirit.

### Discussion Questions

- 1.) Why do you think many churches and Christians shy away from talking about or engaging with the Holy Spirit?
- 2.) Pastor Zach mentioned his childhood experiences in a Pentecostal church. How do your own church experiences shape your view of the Holy Spirit?
- 3.) Jesus said it was better for Him to go so the Holy Spirit could come. What are your thoughts on this statement?
- 4.) The sermon emphasized that bearing the fruit of the Spirit is not about behavior modification but core transformation. How does this change your perspective on spiritual growth?
- 5.) What areas of your life do you find most challenging to surrender to the Holy Spirit? Why?
- 6.) How can we distinguish between genuine Holy Spirit experiences and potentially misguided or exaggerated displays?
- 7.) Pastor Zach talked about the struggle between flesh and spirit. Can you share an example from your own life where you've experienced this internal conflict?

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### Practical Application

- 1.) *Daily Surrender: Start each day this week with a prayer of surrender to the Holy Spirit's leading.*
- 2.) *Fruit Check: Choose one fruit of the Spirit to focus on this week. Journal about how you see it (or don't see it) manifesting in your life.*
- 3.) *Media Fast: Consider taking a break from media that glorifies the "works of the flesh" mentioned in Galatians 5:19-21. Replace that time with prayer or Bible study.*
- 4.) *Accountability: Partner with someone in the group to check in daily about your efforts to live a more Spirit-led life.*
- 5.) *Study: Commit to studying more about the Holy Spirit in scripture. Start with John 14-16 and Acts 2.*