

A New Start Acts 8:14-17

14 *When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15* *When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16* *because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17* *Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Home Group Questions

1. We receive the Holy Spirit when we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and we are born again, why do you think then that not every Christian is filled with the Spirit at this point?
2. What advice would you give to someone in this situation, what should they do? (Should we want to be filled?)
3. Why is the appropriate expression of emotion in our relationship with God so important? How does this differ from emotionalism?
4. In what way is spreading the gospel like sowing seed?
5. God wanted the church in Jerusalem and Samaria to be united, can you think of ways that the Holy Spirit unites us but his presence also has the potential to result in friction among us. How do we guard against this?
6. How often do you ask the Holy Spirit to equip and fill you? Be honest. How often should you? Spend time with each other waiting on the Holy Spirit asking him for a fresh touch from him and at the start of this new year commit to asking Him regularly on your own and together as a group .