

# OVERFLOW

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As we are moving towards the conclusion of our Overflow series, we want to encourage you to consider what might help people in your lifegroup take a step forward in understanding and encountering Holy Spirit. We recognize that not everyone at Epicentre has experienced Holy Spirit before; some might even have had negative experiences. You know the people in your lifegroup best so don't be afraid to ask God what might be the best next steps. Our hope at the end of this series is that everyone will have taken a step forward in their relationship with Holy Spirit and incorporate habits of continuing to encounter Holy Spirit regularly even after this series concludes.

**VISION:** Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

### **FAMILY TIME:**

- Introduction Question: If you could only fill up on one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- Share praise reports and prayer requests.
- Looking Back Question: How have you intentionally pursued and encountered Holy Spirit this last week?

### **DISCUSSION: ACTS 1:1-11**

*1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit." 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has*

*been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

Discussion Prompts:

- What stands out to me from this passage?
- What do I learn about people?
- What do I learn about Holy Spirit?
- Are there ways I need Holy Spirit to empower me for the calling God has on my life?
- What would it look like for me to wait to receive the gift (i.e., Holy Spirit) the Father promised this week?

**PRACTICAL EQUIPPING:**

You can tailor this portion to where folks in your lifegroup are. Different options include:

- Praying for each other to be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Laying hands on folks to receive the gift of tongues
- Practicing prophetic prayer
- Discussing questions related to Holy Spirit or to what people have been witnessing or experiencing throughout this series
- Creating space for people to engage with Holy Spirit on their own