

# IS THE BIBLE REAL (AND CAN I DO IT TOO?)

## SESSION 5: Jesus Baptizes Us in the Holy Spirit

OVERVIEW: The Holy Spirit is not an optional extra for the Christian life—He is essential for living boldly, loving deeply, and walking in real freedom. Jesus promised that those who believe in Him would do the works He did and even greater things. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift from Jesus, given after salvation, to empower believers for ministry, bold witness, and deeper intimacy with God. This message invites us to move from simply knowing about the Holy Spirit to personally experiencing His power and presence.

### KEY SCRIPTURE:

- 2 Timothy 3:16–17 – All Scripture is God-breathed and equips us.
- John 14:12 – Whoever believes will do the works of Jesus and greater.
- Acts 1:4–8 – The Holy Spirit gives power to be witnesses.
- Acts 2:1–4 – The Day of Pentecost: the first baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 19:1–7 – The Ephesians receive the Holy Spirit after believing.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1 Icebreaker: What's something you once thought was strange, but after learning more about it, you saw it as normal or valuable?
- 2 The message mentioned that some believers have 'doctrine without experience.' How have you personally experienced (or not experienced) the Holy Spirit?
- 3 Which of the three baptisms (Salvation, Water Baptism, Holy Spirit Baptism) have you experienced?
- 4 Have you ever been hesitant about something in your faith because of how it was presented? How did that change over time?
- 5 Acts 1:8 says the Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses. How have you seen this boldness in your own life or in others?
- 6 What would it look like for you to have a 'soft heart' toward experiencing more of the Holy Spirit?
- 7 How can your group pray for you to receive more of His power and presence?

### PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, thank You for being our Helper, Advocate, and Comforter. We want to know You more—not just in our heads, but in our daily lives. Soften our hearts toward all You want to do in and through us. Fill us with boldness, sensitivity to sin, and a deep love for people. Empower us to be witnesses of Jesus everywhere we go. In Jesus' name, amen.