

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Share about one of your favorite vacations as a kid. What made it memorable?

LEARN & APPLY

Many people have experienced Christianity as lists of “stuff you should believe” or “stuff you should do” but without any Spiritual presence of God. Has that been part of your experience too? How so?

Read Acts 19:1-7. This is a story of people who had a partial picture of Christianity but no idea or experience of the Holy Spirit.

- Share a time when you felt closest to the presence of God.
- Do you think we need the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life? Why or why not?

Sometimes people fall into the trap of making God’s Spirit into anything they want it to be. But the Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of Christ. Read Galatians 4:6-7 and Romans 8:9 for two examples. Have you ever experienced someone using spiritual language to rationalize something that didn’t have much to do with Jesus?

We are learning that the Spirit’s work is to form Christ-likeness in us.

- What’s one way that the Spirit is working to form Christ-likeness in you?
- What makes this challenging?
- What’s one way you can put this into practice this week?

PRAY

Consider your answer to the last question and pray for the Spirit’s power in you. You might try these words, “Come, Holy Spirit, you are welcome here. Help me to _____.”