

HOW TO PRESENT THE HOLY SPIRIT BOOKLET

Purpose: The purpose of this session is to equip you to effectively present the ministry of the Holy Spirit to Christians by using the Spirit-filled Life booklet.

Objectives: By the end of this session you will

1. Understand the four topics the Spirit-Filled Life booklet communicates.
2. Know how to make transitions to the Spirit-Filled Life booklet.
3. Know how to use the Holy Spirit booklet.
4. Be familiar with key questions to clarify topics presented in the booklet.

Note to instructor: Have enough copies of "Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit-Filled Life?" booklets available. You may also want a/some copies of the booklet "Satisfied?"

Key Verse: Ephesians 5:18

I. Introduction

Note to instructor: You may want to share here how the message of the Holy Spirit booklet has personally impacted your life. Perhaps share about the first time you understood about confession of sin, or spiritual breathing and how the application of the message of this booklet helped you to live a more consistent and victorious Christian life.

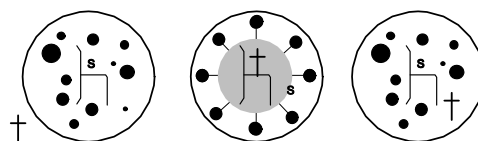
Which C.C.C. material has most impacted your life? In what way? For some, it's the Holy Spirit booklet. One person said his Christian life was like a roller coaster and he didn't know how to deal with sin in his Christian life. Usually he would get bogged down. After applying what's in the Holy Spirit booklet, steady growth has resulted.

This booklet is primarily for the believer but sometimes it is hard to tell the difference between a Christian who is not walking with Jesus and a non-Christian. If someone says he is a Christian, then use this booklet. In either case, it presents an opportunity to give the Holy Spirit control of one's life.

II. Orientation to the Spirit-filled Life Booklet.

Explain that the following four points show an outline of the Holy Spirit booklet.

1. An explanation of three kinds of people. (Pages 2-9)
According to I Corinthians 2:14 - 3:3 there are three kinds of people, spiritually speaking. A non-Christian who does not have Christ in his life (circle one), a



Christian who has Christ at the center of his life (circle two), and a Christian who has Christ in his life but is not walking in faith and obedience (circle

three)

2. How we are filled. (Pages 10-12). Essentially, by faith.
3. The results of a Spirit-filled life. (Pages 13-14)
4. How to experience God's love and forgiveness. (Page 15)

These truths serve as a foundation for personal follow-up and ongoing discipleship.

III. When to Present the Spirit-filled Life Booklet.

- A. After reading the Four Spiritual Laws booklet.

If a person indicates that his life is represented by the circle with Christ on the throne and that he has received Christ into his life, say: "That is great. Tell me about how you received Christ."

Confirm that he is a believer. Go over assurance of salvation, pages 11-15 in the Four Spiritual Laws booklet.

Proceed to the Holy Spirit booklet. Say: "There is a third circle in another booklet which relates to the Christian life. It explains how you can live a consistent Christian life and is called, 'Have you made the wonderful discovery of the Spirit-filled life?' It has been helpful to me. Can I explain it to you?"

Sometimes there is not enough time to introduce the Spirit-filled Life booklet after the Four Spiritual Laws. **Set up a time to get back together** to read through the Spirit-filled Life booklet.

- B. When talking with a friend you know is a defeated Christian.

Introduce the booklet by using a transition like one of the following:

- "Have you made the wonderful discovery of the Spirit-filled life?"
- "I have a booklet that explains how to live the abundant Christian life. Could I share it with you."
- "I have discovered how to live the Christian life without feeling as though I am on a spiritual roller coaster. May I read through this booklet with you on how to be filled with the Holy Spirit?"
- "This booklet has helped me in my Christian life. Understanding and practicing these principles has helped me eliminate my emotional ups and downs and has given me power to live a consistent and victorious life. May I read through it with you?"



C. With New Christians in Follow-up

You will always want to include sharing the Spirit-filled life with new Christians since it is the **basis** for all spiritual growth.

IV. How to Present the Spirit-filled Life Booklet.

A. Demonstration of the Holy Spirit Booklet

It would be good for the instructor to demonstrate how to use the Holy Spirit booklet. Prepare before class to have one of the students help as the “carnal person” in the simulation. Set the stage by saying something like, “Assume we just went through the 4 laws, and he indicated that he was a Christian. I asked him to share how/why he became a Christian, and he appears to have truly made a sincere decision. Then I said something like, ‘There’s another booklet with a third circle that explains how a Christian can live a more consistent, victorious Christian life. Would you be interested in finding out about this? It would take about 20 more minutes.’ He indicated that he would like to. Let’s pick up from there and read through the booklet.”

After the demonstration, ask them if there are any questions or comments on what they saw. If there are none and if there is time, you could quiz them on how they would handle difficult portions of the booklet (see Appendix A).

You may also want to have the students practice using the booklet. Pair them up two-by-two and allow about 10 minutes for them to practice.

B. Review.

1. Be sure the person you're sharing with has already invited Christ into his life.
2. Use a transition to introduce the second booklet.
3. Share the booklet with him to the top of page 16.
4. If the person desires to be filled with the Spirit, lead in the prayer on page 12.

C. Clarifying Questions

If you notice that your contact does not seem to understand, ask some questions to help clarify the point. (see Appendix A)

APPENDIX A

How to Make Transitions & Clarify the Topics in Your Presentation

The following material is provided to help you to clarify the message when presenting the ministry of the Holy Spirit. You need not memorize all this material, nor add it to your presentation, but as you become more and more familiar with it you can draw upon it as necessary when sharing with another.

Begin the booklet with, "Every day can be an exciting adventure..." Explain the first three circles: natural, spiritual and carnal or fleshly man. Then ask "How does one move from being a natural man to a spiritual man?" Answer: **By faith.**

After explaining the Carnal Man, say that, "It has been estimated that 90-95% of Christians today live this way." Write 90-95% above the circle.

Ask "How do you suppose that you would move from being carnal or worldly to being spiritual?" Answer: **By faith.**

We begin the Christian life by faith and we are to continue living it by faith (Romans 1:17; Colossians 2:6).

Read point one: God has provided for us an abundant and fruitful Christian life.

After reading through John 15:5 ask "What do you think fruit is in the Christian life?"

The following verses illustrate two aspects of fruit bearing (fruit of the Spirit and fruit of souls won to Christ). Ask, "How hard does a fruit tree have to try to bear fruit?" **It doesn't have to try if it's abiding in the vine.**

In the same way bearing fruit as a Christian is the result of being a spiritual Christian. We do not bear fruit because of self-effort. It's the result of a life abiding in Christ by faith.

Clarify the paragraph under the spiritual man diagram. Point out that trees bear more and more fruit as they mature. Young trees don't bear as much fruit as older ones. You could write at the bottom of p.4: "Time + Trust = Maturity."

Point two: After an explanation of the carnal circle, ask "Why do you think a carnal or worldly person experiences these traits?"

Don't read the bottom paragraph unless you have doubts as to whether the person is really a Christian. Now is a good time to go back to p.2 and ask, "Which circle best represents your life?" (1) If carnal: "Let me go on and explain how one becomes Spirit-filled." (2) If spiritual: "Let me go on and explain the Biblical basis to the Spirit-filled life."

Point three: After reading to the bottom of p.8, explain the difference between **indwelt** and **filled**.

Here are three possible illustrations: chocolate in milk — it settles to the bottom (dwells in the glass) unless it is stirred and fills the whole glass. The driver of a car or a passenger? Both are in the car, only one is in control. The Holy Spirit may be a resident in your life, He wants to be the president.

Point four: It's important to emphasize that we are filled by faith, and that points A, B, C help us to prepare our hearts to be filled by faith.

After point "A" ask, "Do you sincerely desire to be controlled & empowered by the Holy Spirit?"

After point "B" read I John 1:9 and explain the 3 areas involved in confession:

Call it sin

Call it forgiven

Call on God to change you

Then you could say, "I would like to give you an opportunity right now to confess any sin that God brings to your attention. You can do this silently, and just say, 'Amen' when you are finished."

After point "C" ask if they are willing to let God have control of every area of their life.

Point D: His command. Ask, "Is it a command or option for us to be filled?" Answer:

Command

His Promise. Ask "How can you know with confidence that God will answer your prayer and fill you with His Spirit?" Answer: **Being filled with the Spirit is God's will since He commands it.**

The Train Diagram. Explain that God's Word is truer than anything I can think or feel. Explain that we choose where to place our faith. God and His Word will never change nor deceive us, whereas our feelings can.

Spiritual Breathing.

Turn to the page entitled "spiritual breathing." This concept contains two thoughts:

Section one: Ending with "and continue to have fellowship with Him" is a discussion of how one can continue to experience God's love and forgiveness, moment by moment.

Section two: Beginning with "If you retake the throne of your life through sin..." is a discussion of what to do to restore fellowship with Christ after you have retaken the throne of your life, through a definite act of disobedience.

Exhale. Ask, "How often do Christians need to spiritually exhale?" Answer: **Anytime they are aware of sin in their life.**

You could again review the 3 parts involved in confession. For the third point on "repentance" or "changed attitude," you could mention that we can get the power we need to do this by the next point, inhale.

USING THE BOOKLET “SATISFIED?”

The “Satisfied?” booklet is not a replacement for the Spirit-Filled Life booklet. It utilizes the theme of satisfaction - satisfaction of a spiritual thirst (John 7:37-39). It begins with a personal inventory or reflection on one’s spiritual experience. The circles are used as a progressive teaching tool throughout the outline. It addresses the danger of self-centered living in order to remove the perception that carnality is “an acceptable though substandard Christian option.” Scripture verses are quoted throughout the outline, arranged with contextual proximity to unleash the power of the Word. Questions are included to ensure the believer’s understanding and to clarify issues related to the ministry of the Spirit.

TIPS

- A. Read through the booklet together. Make sure they can see it easily.
- B. Involve them in the conversation. Ask questions.
- C. Use a pen or pencil to underline, circle or asterisk, for emphasis.
- D. Explain each diagram.
- E. Ask them the three important questions on page 10 and 11.
- F. After reading the prayer on page 12, “The Turning Point,” ask if the prayer expresses the desire of their heart. If so, lead them in prayer.
- G. Read pages 13 and 14 to help provide encouragement and assurance.
- H. Point out the offers for free resources on page 15 and encourage them to take advantage of them. If it is possible, get together with them later to discuss these resources.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the four topics the Spirit-filled Life booklet communicates?
2. What are some transitions that can be used to get into the Spirit-filled Life booklet?
3. What are some key questions used to clarify topics presented in the booklet?