



It's Only Crazy Until You Do It

Part 2 - Better Together

Discussion Guide

Most things in life are better with someone else: a hike, a nice meal, a project, or a class at school. Our friends and family might just accompany us, but they can also encourage, challenge, or push us to be and do more than we had planned. Teams practice individually, but their group drills are what meld them into a winning machine. God wants His children and His church to accomplish great things...and He tells us to do together.

Jump Start

1. What's one thing you would like to do better?
2. We are better together. **Read [Matthew 16:18 and Ephesians 1:22-23](#)**. Who created the church? Who is the founder? If the church is called out, called together people of God, how does being apart of the church help you become better? Likewise, what does this help the church do better?
3. **Read [Acts 2:1-4, John 14:16 and 14:26](#)**. Why does Jesus say God gives us the Holy Spirit? How does the Spirit help us? In what areas do you need to lean more into the Holy Spirit and ask for His help? (For extra insight, look up the verses from John in different versions to see other names for the Holy Spirit.)
4. **Read [1 Thessalonians 5:14-19, Ephesians 4:30-32, and Ephesians 5:18](#)**. What does it mean to quench or grieve the Holy Spirit? Make a list of "what not to do" to avoid grieving God. Make a list of the things that you should be doing in order to obey God. Are there things on either of these lists where you need the power of the Holy Spirit? Share with your group so you can help each other be committed and encouraged to improve in these areas.
5. Final Thought: **Read [Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:19-20](#)**. What does the Holy Spirit empower us to do? A part of our mission statement at The Cove Church is to "*Introduce our friends to Jesus.*" Who is the Holy Spirit empowering you to witness to and reach? How can you live out our mission statement this week by introducing our friends to Jesus?

Deeper

The Holy Spirit seems incomprehensible to many believers. Let's look at Scripture for His work and purpose in our lives.

6. **Read [John 14:16](#).** The Holy Spirit is not a life force or a power. He is what?
7. **Read [John 13:26](#) and [Luke 3:21-22](#).** What do you see in each of these verses? What do we call this belief or theology?
8. Read the scriptures below to find the work or nature of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
 - a. [Genesis 1:1-2](#):
 - b. [Numbers 11:16-17](#):
 - c. [Exodus 31:1-5](#):
 - d. [1 Samuel 16:11-13](#):
 - e. [John 14:16](#):
 - f. [John 16:8](#):
 - g. [Acts 2:17-18](#):
 - h. [Acts 1:8](#):
 - i. [2 Corinthians 3:17](#):