

CHARGE Youth Discussion Questions Outline

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7-12

Date & Week

August 3, 2025 (Wk 2)

Bible Focus

Acts 2:1-21 & 8:9-24

Theme Focus

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Discussion Questions

Main Point: God's Spirit is a gift that can't be bought with money or magic. Simon learned that following Jesus means letting the Holy Spirit change our hearts, not trying to use God for ourselves.

Warm-up questions

1. What do you know about the Holy Spirit?

Read Acts 2:1-21

2. What is the significance of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples?

3. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

4. How did the coming of the Holy Spirit change the disciples?

5. What does the disciples' speaking in other languages reveal about God's purposes?

Read Acts 8:9-24

6. Who was Simon and what was his line of work?

7. How did the Samaritans react to Simon's sorcery, and what did they believe about him? How did he gain influence in Samaria?



8. What was Simon's reaction when he saw Philip preaching about Christ, and how did he respond to the Holy Spirit being given through the laying on of hands?
9. What did Simon want to buy from Peter and John, and how did Peter respond to his request?
10. What was Simon's true motivation to receive this power? What does Simon's attitude reveal about his understanding of the gospel and his relationship with God?

Application

11. What are some ways we can guard against seeking spiritual power or gifts for personal gain or self-promotion, rather than for God's glory?
12. How can we foster a sense of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives and communities?

Prayer

Gracious Father, Thank you for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit and how you sent him to be a part of our lives. Help us not to forget or disregard this gift of yourself. We pray that we might grow in our understanding and openness to listen and be prompted by the Spirit to share of your love with others. Amen

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:3-4)