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## ice breaker

Use one of the following questions to open up discussion. (If you have first-time guests, be sure to have people tell their names as they answer the icebreaker question.)

- 1 Have you ever traveled where you did not speak the language? What happened?
- 2 What skill do you have that you could brag about?
- 3 What are you doing this summer? Do you have any vacation plans?

## Our Mission

The Vineyard Church . . . continuing the work of Jesus.

## Upcoming Events

**Appreciation Picnic:** June 7, 5:00-7:30pm.

**Prophetic Training:** Saturday, June 12, 6pm, CenterStage.

**Robby Dawkins:** Friday, June 18, 7-10pm and Saturday, June 19, 8:45am-1pm, Auditorium. Join Robby for powerful teaching on healing and prophetic ministry, followed by outreach in our community.

## Suggested Songs

Each week we will suggest several songs for you to use during worship time. Feel free to choose two or three of these songs, or you may choose your own songs. We will include pdf files of the lyrics and chords as an attachment to the Lifeline email.

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## Our Study: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

**objectives:** *As small group members and guests, we will:*

1. Realize that God generously gives the gift of the Holy Spirit.
2. Understand the purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit—to experience and extend Jesus' love and power.
3. Pray for one another to be filled (or refilled) with God's Spirit.

**study/prayer time:** *Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is not necessary to use all of the questions.*

1. Pray for your friends who need Jesus.
2. Ask two volunteers to read Acts 2:1-6 and Acts 2:12-18. Ask, what stands out to you in this story?
3. Have any of you ever had an experience with the Holy Spirit like the one described in the Acts 2 passage that we read? If so, what was it like?



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4. What questions do you have about the spiritual experiences of tongues, prophecy, visions and dreams mentioned in Acts 2? Are these something you want to experience in a more profound or consistent way?
5. Have someone read Ephesians 5:17-20. What strikes you in this passage?
6. Acts 2 describes a dramatic infilling of the Spirit, Ephesians 5 speaks of a more continual experience.
7. What has been your ongoing experience with the Spirit? What have you found helpful in letting the Spirit fill you in a more continuous way?
8. The events on the day of Passover are often referred to as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Have you experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What was it like?
9. Re-read the passage from Ephesians as you move into a time of worship. The verb “to be filled with” (from the passage) is a present tense command, which can be interpreted as “be filled with the Spirit *continuously*.” Consider asking God if you are in need of a refilling of the Holy Spirit.
10. After a time of worship break into smaller groups and pray for one another. Consider praying for one another to be filled with the Holy Spirit, be it the first time or a refilling. To minister the filling of the Holy Spirit, simply lay hands on a person and invite the presence of the Spirit to fill the person and then wait and see what God does. Be sensitive to words, pictures and impressions that the Holy Spirit may give as you wait on him and minister to those wanting a fresh filling of the Spirit.