



ADULT GATHERING 2011

Day 2 – Worship and Reflection

HOLY SPIRIT - Exploring how God provides through His power and presences.

Introductory Notes for Narrator & Worship Leader for Day 1 of Adult Gathering ::

1) For the exact flow of worship, we've included a worship script. The bold headings are to help you track along with the flow of the session. All portions designated "NOTE:" are notes to you the reader.

2) A "Slide Guide" for Day 2 is included in Appendix 1.

0:00 Call to Worship & Introduction [Narrator]:

TITLE [SLIDE 1] ON SCREEN

"Author Francis Chan wrote a bestselling book on the Holy Spirit. He entitled his book *Forgotten God*. Chan says that from his perspective "Holy Spirit is tragically neglected and, for all practical purposes, forgotten. While no evangelical would deny His existence, I'm willing to bet there are millions of churchgoers across America who cannot confidently say they have experienced His presence in their lives over the past year" (Chan, *Forgotten God*, 15). Is the Holy Spirit forgotten in our churches, families, and lives?"

"Today we are going to reflect on the person and work of Holy Spirit. Perhaps it has been a while since you have experienced the power of God in your life. Perhaps you can think of a previous time in your life when you had more intimacy with God than you do today. Perhaps this morning finds you exhausted and "at the end of your rope" not just because life is busy, but because you are serving God in your own power and not His. One of the most incredible ways "God provides" is through the ministry of Holy Spirit."

"Holy Spirit Hovers as We Pray" [Narrator]

"From the opening words of the book of Genesis, Holy Spirit is at work. **[SLIDE 2]** Genesis 1:1-2: 1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (ESV) We want to begin this morning with a prayerful recognition that God is here among us, with us, and living within every believer. We believe Holy Spirit wants us to experience Him "hovering" over us this morning."

"In Romans 8, the apostle Paul reminds us that Holy Spirit "hovers" over us as we pray. **[SLIDE 3]** Paul writes, ²⁶...the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to

pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.
²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27)."

"As we begin, let's take a moment to quiet our hearts before the Lord. For many of us, it is oftentimes difficult to disconnect ourselves from the ways we serve God. These next few moments of worship are not about you as a worker for God, but as a worshipper of God. Let's approach this time not as Children's Ministers, not as parents, but simply as grateful worshippers desiring an encounter with our Lord. Take a few moments now to simply 'be still.'"

[[Give a minute or so for prayer]]

0:05 Call to Worship [Worship Leader]: 1 song that focuses on "approaching God" / "coming into His presence" / etc. {Song Suggestions :: O Come Let us Adore Him, Come Thou Fount, How Great is our God, I Stand Amazed in the Presence, The Wonderful Cross, Holy, holy, holy, The Stand}

0:08 Scripture: "Holy Spirit- Who is He?" [Narrator]:

"Holy Spirit ALWAYS works in such a way that He shines the spotlight on Jesus Christ. Let's begin with a couple reminders of what Jesus said about Holy Spirit...

1) "Holy Spirit is Another Counselor of the Same Kind as Jesus" [Narrator]:

"Jesus said Holy Spirit is Another Counselor of the Same Kind as Himself. Listen to what Jesus says in John 14:16: **[SLIDE 4]** 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever. Jesus said Holy Spirit will be "another Helper" / "Counselor" / "Comforter" / "Encourager." The word for "helper" literally means that Holy Spirit is the one called to "come alongside" us. Holy Spirit has been called "the other Jesus" (B. H. Carroll, founder of Southwestern Seminary). The Bible is clear that Holy Spirit is God Himself (Acts 5:1-11). The Holy Spirit is fully God in every way the Father and the Son are fully God.

"As a Counselor like Jesus, Holy Spirit is a Person not an "it." Sometimes we think of Holy Spirit as an impersonal force or a "power" that we should "plug into." Even putting the word "the" in front of the words "Holy Spirit" hints that we believe He is "impersonal" - like The Force on the Star Wars movies. But Holy Spirit is NOT like The Force on Star Wars. Holy Spirit is the very personal presence of God living within us. This is what Jesus meant when he said, **[SLIDE 5]** 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you (John 14:18).

"The Bible says Holy Spirit does things that only personal beings can do. **[SLIDE 6]** Holy Spirit "thinks" (Romans 8:27), "teaches" (John 14:26), "testifies" (John 15:26), "convicts" (John 14:26), "guides" (John 16:13), and "reveals" (John 16:13). The Bible says we interact with Holy Spirit in ways we interact with other human beings. Holy Spirit can be lied to (Acts 5:1-11). He can be "resisted" (Acts 7:51), "insulted" (Hebrews 10:29), "quenched" (1 Thessalonians 5:19), and "grieved" (Ephesians 4:30). When Holy Spirit is missing in our lives it is not something that is missing, it is Someone (cf. Chan, Forgotten God, 16).

"We Must Have Holy Spirit in Our Lives to Live Out God's Plans for Us. In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, **[SLIDE 7]** 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Jesus promised us spiritual power to live as witnesses and be used by God in the expansion of His kingdom. We cannot live the Christian life without Holy Spirit's help.

"The night before Jesus went to the cross, He prepared His disciples for His departure. Think about it: Jesus' disciples had given up their former lives to become His followers. For three years they had followed Jesus around. It must have seemed strange for Jesus to say it was to their benefit that He go away. Listen to what Jesus says in John 16:5-7: **[SLIDE 8]** 5 But

now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”

“I cannot imagine anything better than being able to literally walk with Jesus as His disciples did...and yet, Jesus said it is to our advantage that He left, so that Holy Spirit would come! As we sing these next couple songs, think about the ways God’s power through the Holy Spirit empowers you to accomplish His plans.

o:13 Worship Set [Worship Leader] :: 2 songs about our dependence upon God {Song Suggestions :: I Need Thee Every Hour, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Be Thou My Vision, Nothing but the blood, Rock of Ages, We Are Hungry, Lord, I Need You (Passion 2011)* Jesus I am Resting, Resting .}

o:18 Scripture: “Holy Spirit as Teacher and Inspirer of God’s Word” [Narrator]:

2) Holy Spirit Guides Us Further Along in Jesus’ Truth (Inspires and Interprets) [Narrator]:

“Like Jesus, Holy Spirit is also a teacher of God’s Truth...”

“In John 14, Jesus said to His disciples: **[SLIDE 9]** 25 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:25-26). A couple chapters later, Jesus added, **[SLIDE 10]** 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you (John 16:12-15). We must remember that Holy Spirit does not teach “new truth” but unfolds and clarifies the truths of Christ.”

“The Bible is Spirit-Breathed Message from God to us. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, the apostle Paul tells us of Holy Spirit’s role in the inspiration of the Bible: **[SLIDE 11]** 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work (NOTE: 2 Peter 2:19-21 can also be mentioned). Paul says that “all Scripture” is “God breathed.” The phrase “God-breathed” literally means “exhaled by God.” God is perfect and holy. He does everything with absolute perfection. We can trust His Word because it is His Word. Said another way, “The Bible doesn’t just contain God’s Word - it IS God’s Word.”

“The Spirit-Breathed Bible is both the foundation and fuel of spirit-filled living. In a recent article, LifeWay research reported that the number one factor in spiritual growth is daily Bible reading. But sadly, the same article gave the following statistics: “Only 16 out of 100 of those who regularly attend our churches read the Bible every day; another 32 percent read the Bible at least once per week. This means that more than 50 percent of people who come through our doors on a regular basis only read their Bibles occasionally, perhaps one or two times per month, if at all. Even more sobering, only 37 percent of those who attend church regularly say that reading and studying the Bible has made a significant difference in the way they live their lives” (<http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?id=34558>, from Jan 31, 2011).

For us to fully experience the fullness of Holy Spirit’s teaching ministry, we must open and digest the book He has inspired. Prayer warrior and philanthropist, George Muller said, **[SLIDE 12]** “The vigor of our Spiritual Life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the

Bible in our life and thoughts” (quoted in Billy Graham, *The Holy Spirit*, 47-48). As we continue to worship, ask God to increase your hunger for His Word - not as something to check off your list, but as a chance to experience Holy Spirit speaking truth into your life.

o:24 Worship Set [Worship Leader]: 1 song {Song Suggestions:: Speak, O Lord (Getty), Word of God Speak, Thy Word, Ancient Words}

o:27 Scripture Truth: “Holy Spirit and Salvation” [Narrator]:

3) Holy Spirit is central to the preparation and application of salvation. [Narrator]:

“In a few moments we are going to pray for Holy Spirit’s work of salvation among sinners. As we prepare to pray, let’s reflect upon Holy Spirit’s role in bringing people to Christ.

“First, it is Holy Spirit that prepares a person to receive salvation. Jesus spoke of the role of Holy Spirit in salvation in the following way: **[SLIDE 13]** 8 And when [Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged (John 16:8-11).

“Jesus is reminding us that for those without Christ, Holy Spirit is a legal prosecutor helping them see their need for Christ. Holy Spirit establishes a sinner’s guilt in three ways: 1) In regard to “sin” because all sinners have turned away from Christ; 2) In regard to “righteousness” because Jesus is exactly who He claimed to be - God! 3) In regard to judgment, because as the song says, “Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King!” As we pray for God to move, it should encourage us to know Holy Spirit is working, too.

“Second, it is Holy Spirit that creates the miracle of being “born again.” In John chapter 3, we find the famous meeting between Jesus and a man named Nicodemus. As you listen to this passage, focus in on what Jesus says about Holy Spirit. (NOTE: Consider internalizing the following passage and telling it from memory in an engaging way.) John 3:1-8: **[SLIDE 14]** 1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

“Jesus said no one will see the kingdom of heaven unless he is “born again.” A person is “born again” when they place their faith in Christ and God gives them new, unending spiritual life. Jesus further explained the new birth by saying a person must be born of the “water” and the “Spirit.” Some scholars conclude that Jesus is here contrasting the physical birth (the water birth) with the spiritual birth. This is why Jesus goes on to say That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (John 3:7).”

“Here is the point: Every person here has at least one birthday - the physical birth. The question is, How many people here have two birthdays? As we pray this morning, we are asking God to do something that only He can do. Oh how we pray this morning, for God to grant spiritual birth to those who don’t yet know Him.”

0:33 Prayer Activity: Praying for Holy Spirit's Mysterious Work of Salvation [Narrator]:

"Jesus said the saving work of Holy Spirit is mysterious. Holy Spirit is like the wind, it blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit (3:8).

[SLIDE 15] Please take a few moments right where you are to pray for the kids from your church who need that saving encounter with God. Ask Holy Spirit to move in saving ways in your ministry. In a few moments our worship leader will begin to play some music and then sing some songs about Christ and salvation. After praying, please stand and join us as we worship.

0:40 Worship Set [Worship Leader]: 3 songs {Song Suggestions :: Mighty to Save, Sing to the King, Salvation is Here, The Wonderful Cross, In Christ Alone, The Solid Rock, There is a Fountain Filled with Blood, Nothing but the Blood, Jesus Paid It All, The Love of God is Greater Far..., Never Cease to Praise.} (NOTE: This set should build in intensity and tempo.)

0:49 Final Thought - [Narrator - **Upbeat, energetic tempo!**]:

In John 15:26, Jesus summarizes the mission of Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit's greatest passion is also to be our greatest passion. In John 15:26 Jesus says, **[SLIDE 16]** 26 "...when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. Holy Spirit's driving passion is to "bear witness about Christ" - to "testify about Christ." **[SLIDE 17]** Holy Spirit ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS works in such a way that He shines the spotlight on Jesus Christ. [NOTE TO NARRATOR: REPEAT LAST SENTENCE AND LET IT SINK IN.]

This is a helpful test for knowing whether or not something is truly a work of Holy Spirit. How will we know if Holy Spirit really moves? We know Holy Spirit is moving when our worship and lives are consumed with Jesus Christ. And that is the wonderful irony about Holy Spirit: We know that we have noticed Holy Spirit, when we are noticing Christ!

Perhaps in God's eyes a "perfect" ministry would be one we would hardly notice because our attention would be completely on Christ (last line adapted from C. S. Lewis, Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer).

0:52 Closing Prayer :: [Narrator / Worship Leader]

Day 3 – Experiential Worship // Stations

Purpose :: We want adults to recognize their complete dependence on Holy Spirit, repent of things that hinder their “walk,” and to celebrate how God has graced the local church with spiritual gifts. Leave the “stations portion” open-ended, giving adults as much time as needed to process through and reflect on the ways that they have been and are being changed by the ministry of Holy Spirit in their lives.

PREP:

Print “Body of Christ” poster on 11x17 paper or cardstock.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADULTS BEFORE THEY HEAD TO THE STATIONS ::

We’re going to take 20-30 minutes and reflect on how God fills us with His presence and equips His church for works of service. We are going to pray, sing a song to prepare our hearts, and then give you some time to interact with the Lord.

Pray for leaders, and then lead into one worship song with Worship Leader.

Call to Worship [Worship Leader]: 1 song that “sets the mood” for the Adults to make their journey through the stations. {Song Suggestions :: Mighty to Save, In Christ Alone, The Love of God is Greater Far..., Never Cease to Praise}

After the worship song, continue to play quietly for a few moments while encouraging adults to make their way around to the various stations. When finished playing live music, fade in the reflective media music.

Station 1: Thankful for Salvation

Supplies: 3 displays, pens, “thankful for salvation” cards.

Text: Read Titus 3:3-7. Holy Spirit applies salvation.

Image: An abstract or blurry image of Christ on the cross to help focus our thoughts on the cost and application of salvation.

Personal Response: On the “Thankful for Salvation” Cards, take a moment and jot down anything you remember from the day Holy Spirit applied salvation to your life. Where were you? What happened? Who else was there? Take a moment and look at yourself in the mirror: In what ways is your life different from that point to now? Spend a few moments in prayer thanking God for salvation in Christ!

Station 2: Thankful for His “Sealing”

Supplies: 3 displays, sharpies or pens, index cards, Holy Spirit embosser.

Text: Read Ephesians 1:11-14. Holy Spirit permanently “brands” us as God’s possession.

Activity: Sealing “God’s Property.” Take one of the index cards. Write your name in the middle. Then take the embosser, insert the index card where you wrote your name, and squeeze firmly. Feel the seal on the paper and reflect on the following...

Personal Response: What does it mean to you to be “sealed with the Promised Holy Spirit?” What comes to mind when you think of Holy Spirit as the “guarantee” of salvation? Somewhere on your card, write “sealed with the Holy Spirit,” and place the card in your Bible.

Station 3: Dead to Sin, Offering Ourselves to Him

Supplies: 3 displays, pens, sticky notes, wooden cross (leaned against a wall).

Text: Read Romans 6:4-13 and Romans 12:1-2. Salvation calls us to live lives that abandon ourselves to God's plans. Our "old self" our sinful nature is at war with the life God calls us to live. It is a constant call to make ourselves unavailable to sin and available to God.

Activity: Sticky Note Cross.

Personal Response: Take a few moments and ask God to bring to mind the things in your life that compromise His desire to "fill" your life with His presence and power. Write down those things on the STICKY side of the sticky notes and place them (writing not showing) on the cross.

Station 4: Thankful for the Filling of Holy Spirit

Supplies: 3 displays, 3 copies of each piano photo.

Text: Ephesians 5:15-18. God commands us to be "continually filled with Holy Spirit." God must do the "filling" we must yield our lives to Him. In short, "be filled with the Spirit" is not a command to "get" more of Him, but to give more of ourselves to Him.

Image & Accompanying Thought: Hands on a Piano Keyboard. A piano is capable of making magnificent music and yet useless until the Master comes to play. Without the filling of Holy Spirit we are like a piano without a player. We have been called to live supernatural lives, which we cannot live by our own power. We have been called to do supernatural things, which we cannot do by our own power.

Personal Response: Take a few moments and simply ask God to take His rightful place on the piano bench of your life. Remember that Holy Spirit always works in such a way that He shines the spotlight on Jesus. Spend a few moments simply being still in His presence. Ask Him to focus your ambitions and passions on the person and mission of Christ!

Station 5: Thankful for What God Does Through Others

Supplies: 3 displays, 1 body of Christ poster, pens, CentriKid notecards and/or stationary. (NOTE: If you run out of stationary, use index cards.)

Text: Romans 12:3-8.

Image: A picture of Christ on the cross to help adults focus on the body of Christ.

Personal Response: With the CentriKid stationary or notecards provided, take a moment and write a note to someone encouraging them for the work you have seen God do through them this week. Make a special note of the spiritual gift(s) you perceive at work in them. It could be someone from your own church, someone from another church, a CentriKid staffer, or a worker from the camp location. Find a time today to deliver the letter with the words, "Thanks for what you allow God to do through you!" Also, before leaving this station place the name of your letter recipient on the "Body of Christ" poster at the station.

Day 4 – Small Group Discussion and Church Connection

Sharing About The Ministry of Holy Spirit in our Lives and Churches

Purpose :: Our purpose on this third day of Adult Gathering is to spend some time with our church groups in a time of encouragement and prayer focusing on how Holy Spirit is at work in our lives and churches.

Prep :: Gather the following supplies...

Pens and Pencils

Pads of Paper / Big Index Cards

An envelope for each group with the discussion questions printed out. (Print Day4questions.pdf on 11x17 paper and cardstock, and then cut questions out.)

Discussion Starter: Galatians 5:16-25

[Leader]: “Each group has an envelope containing questions and thoughts related to the Holy Spirit’s ministry in our lives and churches. Please select someone in your group to read Galatians 5:16-25 then begin working through the questions in the envelope. We encourage everyone to be involved in the discussion. There are pens and pads of paper on your table to jot down thoughts that you want to remember and take back to your church. We will do this for about 20-25 minutes. Every 4-5 minutes, I will let you know when to select a new question. Before we begin, let me pray for our time today = [Leader Prays]

1) Rate “the Holy Spirit dependence level” of your personal life on a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being best). What are some things local churches could do to help people live with more dependence upon Holy Spirit? Are there some things you have experienced this week that have challenged you personally to live in greater dependence upon Holy Spirit?

2) Rate “the Holy Spirit dependence level” of the ministry of your church on a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being best). What leads you to rate your church where you did? What are some things local churches can do to highlight the importance of church-wide dependence upon the ministry of Holy Spirit? Please be specific.

3) Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of Holy Spirit should be the “mark” of our lives and churches, yet sometimes the “works of flesh” show up - even at church! Ironically, it seems there are always some people who want certain things done in certain way and feel “called” to throw out the “fruit of Holy Spirit” to get their plan accomplished. (You may even be able to think of a time when you have made that choice.) What are some practical things we can do to help our churches accomplish God’s will without compromising the call to be like Jesus?

4) George Muller said, “The vigor of our Spiritual Life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts.” What are some things you have found helpful in keeping God’s Word central in your spiritual growth? Please be specific and authentic.

5) In the book Wild Goose Chase, Mark Batterson observes that the Celtic Christians referred to Holy Spirit as “the Wild Goose.” God’s plans are often as mysterious as they are adventurous. Have 1 or 2 people share a story from your personal life or church life where God took you on a Holy Spirit adventure.

6) Galatians 5:25 calls us to “keep in step with the Holy Spirit.” In the book *Forgotten God*, Francis Chan includes a chapter entitled, “Forget About His Will for Your Life.” Chan contrasts seeking God for His future plans with simply walking with God today.

Chan writes, “I think a lot of us need to forget about “God’s will for my life.” God cares more about our response to His Spirit’s leading today, in this moment, than about what we intend to do next year . . . It is easy to use the phrase “God’s will for my life” as an excuse for inaction or even disobedience. It’s much less demanding to think about God’s will for your future than it is to ask Him what He wants you to do in the next ten minutes. It’s safer to commit to following Him someday instead of today” (pg. 120).

What is it about human nature that makes “keeping in step” with Holy Spirit so tricky?

7) Have someone turn to 1 Corinthians chapter 12 and read verses 4-11. God gives a spiritual gift or gifts to every believer in every local church for the “building up” of the Body of Christ. Have 1 or 2 people in your group share a story of someone in your church who uses their spiritual gift(s) for the building up of the Body of Christ.

8) Have someone turn to Romans chapter 12 and read verse 3-8. Have 1 or 2 people share a story of a time you when you served God and knew that He was “spiritually gifting” you for the task. What happened and what gift did God empower through you?

Closing :: As the time draws to a close, offer adults a word of encouragement and affirmation as they set out to live out and proclaim the gospel in their homes, churches, and communities. As a staff, circle around the auditorium and pray a blessing over the adults as we close out our time of Adult Gathering.

Appendix 1

SLIDE GUIDE FOR DAY 2 ADULT GATHERING

SLIDE 1: Title screen = HOLY SPIRIT - Exploring how God provides through His power and presences.

SLIDE 2: Genesis 1:1-2

SLIDE 3: Romans 8:26-27 ²⁶...the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

SLIDE 4: John 14:16

SLIDE 5: John 14:18

SLIDE 6: [NOTE for slide-creator: Perhaps a slide that just has the words in “quotes” scattered all over the screen. It would be cool to include the scripture references if there is a way to format it that is big enough to see without being overwhelming.]

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SLIDE 7: Acts 1:8

SLIDE 8: John 16:5-7

SLIDE 9: John 14:25-26

SLIDE 10: John 16:12-15

SLIDE 11: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

SLIDE 12: George Muller pic and quote: “The vigor of our Spiritual Life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts.”

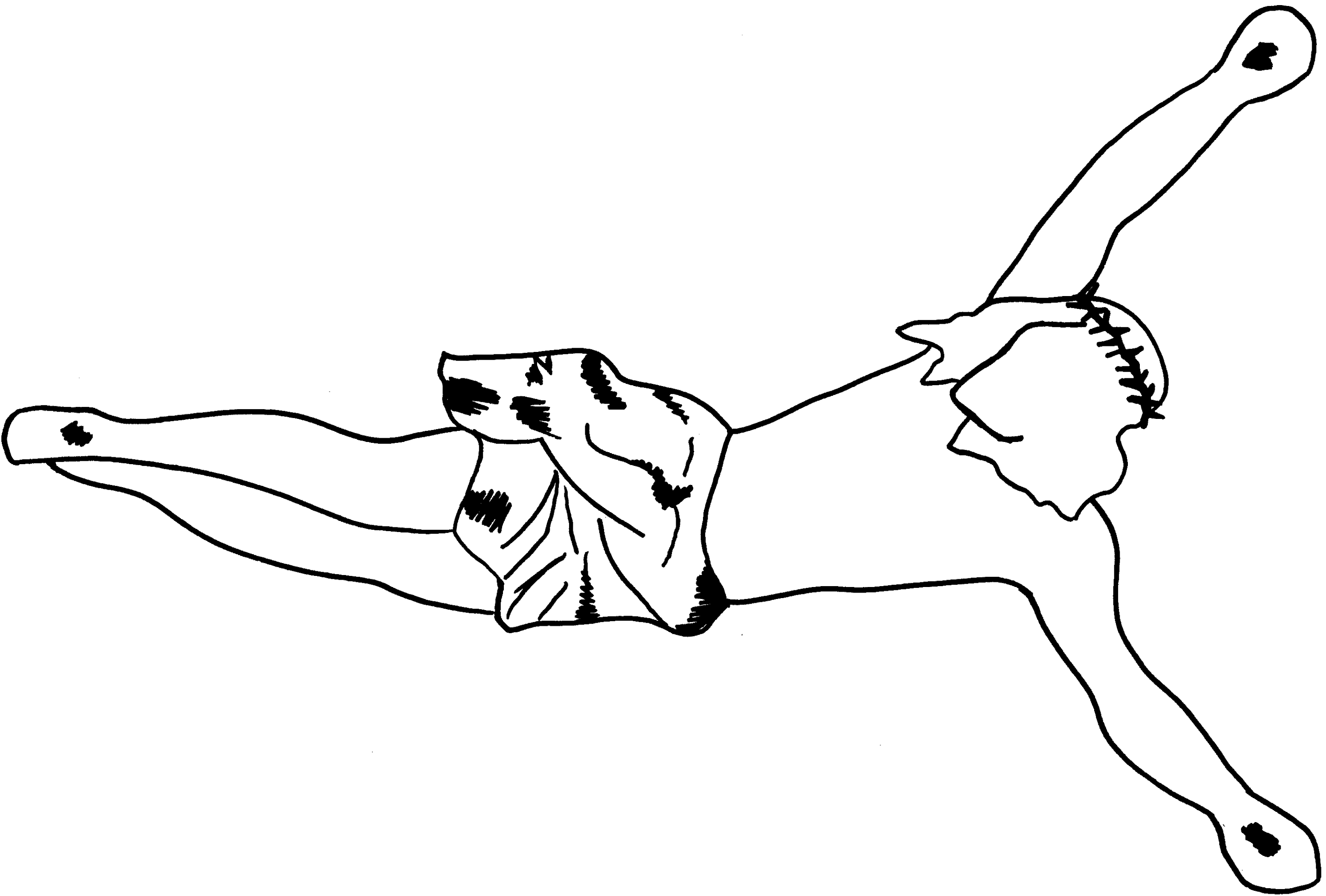
SLIDE 13: John 16:8-11

SLIDE 14: John 3:1-8

SLIDE 15: Prayer Slide for the time of prayer...

SLIDE 16: John 15:26

SLIDE 17: [Big idea of the session] Holy Spirit ALWAYS works in such a way that He shines the spotlight on Jesus Christ. [Include a pic of a dusty old auditorium with the light of a spotlight shining down onto a stage or something.]



THE Body of CHRIS

Thankful for **SALVATION**

-Read

Titus 3:3-7

Holy Spirit applies salvation.

-Reflect

On a “**Thankful for Salvation**” card, take a moment and write down anything you remember from the day that Holy Spirit applied salvation to your life. Where were you? What happened? Who else was there? In what ways is your life different from that point to now? Spend a few moments in prayer thanking God for salvation in Christ!

Thankful for His **SEALING**

-Read

Ephesians 1:11-14

Holy Spirit permanently “brands” us as God’s possession.

-Reflect

Take one of the index cards and write your name in the middle of it. Then, take the embosser, insert the index card where you wrote your name and squeeze firmly.

Feel the seal on the paper.

What does it mean to be “sealed with the Promised Holy Spirit”? What comes to mind when you think of Holy Spirit as the “guarantee” of salvation? Somewhere on your card, write “sealed with the Holy Spirit,” and place the card in your Bible.

Thankful for the **CROSS**

-Read

Romans 6:4-13 & Romans 12:1-2

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-Reflect

Take a few moments and ask God to bring to mind the things in your life that compromise His desire to "fill" your life with His presence and power (sins, distractions, burdens, desires of this world). Write down those things on the sticky side of a sticky note, and stick the note to the cross.

Thankful for the filling of **HOLY SPIRIT**

-Read

Ephesians 5:15-18

God commands us to be continually filled with Holy Spirit. God must do the “filling,” and we must yield our lives to Him. To be “filled with the Spirit” is not a command to get more of Him, but rather to give more of ourselves to Him.

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Thankful for what God does **THROUGH OTHERS**

-Read

Romans 12:3-8

-Reflect

Take a note card and encourage someone here at camp for the work you have seen God do through him or her this week. Make a special note of the spiritual gift(s) you perceive at work in this person. It could be someone from your church, someone from another church, a CentriKid staffer or an employee at the camp location. Find a time today to deliver the letter and thank the individual for allowing God to work through him or her. Also, place the name of your letter recipient on the “Body of Christ” poster at this station.