

## **Names of God: Baptizer of the Holy Spirit**

**Open The Conversation:** If you are spending the day at home, how are you spending your time?

**Key Scripture: Read the following together.**

*17'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,*

*That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;*

*Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,*

*Your young men shall see visions,*

*Your old men shall dream dreams.*

*18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants*

*I will pour out My Spirit in those days;*

*And they shall prophesy.*

*Acts 2:17-18*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

**Start Sharing: Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.**

- How do I personally understand the difference between being born again and being filled with the Holy Spirit? Where do I see evidence (or lack of evidence) of the Spirit's power working through my life?
- Jesus commanded His disciples to wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit before going out. In my own walk, am I more inclined to rush ahead in my own strength, or to wait on God for His power and direction?
- Based on the Scriptures shared (John 20, Acts 1–2, Acts 8), why is it important to understand that salvation and being filled with the Holy Spirit are distinct experiences? How might this understanding change how we disciple new believers?
- Jesus didn't begin His public ministry until He was filled with the Holy Spirit. What does that say about how we are meant to live and minister today? What might change in the Church if we truly believed this?

- The Book of Acts shows believers helping other believers be filled with the Holy Spirit. What fears, traditions, or misunderstandings might keep people from pursuing or sharing this gift—and how can we lovingly address those as a community?

**Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.**

*“God, we are thirsty for your Holy Spirit. We turn to You today, and wait patiently and expectantly for Your Holy Spirit. Thank you for this free gift. Amen.”*