

I Dare You

Module: Historical Pictures of Intimacy with God

Lesson 5: Intimacy with the Holy Spirit

Objectives:

Students will

- discover what it means to be “filled with the Spirit”
- determine which fruit of the Spirit each student exhibits and how they can learn to demonstrate those that do not come as naturally to them

Materials Needed

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Pens/pencils and paper
- ☐ Photocopies of question sheets (one per student or one per group)

Minds On

Say something like: Think of someone you know who you believe is a good example of a person who is living a “godly” life. Make a list of the qualities that you think make them godly. Get together with a partner (or a group of 3) and compare your lists. See how many items appeared on both/all lists. Then with your partner/group create a short skit that demonstrates as many of these qualities as possible. Act out your skit for the other groups and see how many of the qualities they can guess from watching your skit.

Have a few student pairs or triads present their skits, and begin to compile a list of “Godly” qualities.

Action

Tell students this was just a warm-up, and that now it is time to create something a little more profound and thoughtful. (You may wish to preface this with a discussion about the fruit of the Spirit, as it may be a term which not everyone in your group is familiar with.)

Put the kids in groups of 2-4 and distribute the question sheets and Bibles and pens and paper. Give them 25-30 minutes to complete/discuss the questions in groups and prepare their skits. Then bring the group back together again and have each group share an answer for selected questions. Every group does not have to provide an answer for every question depending on the type of question and the amount of time remaining in the lesson. The last three questions should be given the most time when discussing, and of course you will want to make sure you have time for the skits.

Note: If you are short on time you can select some of the questions for the students to do instead of having them prepare all of the questions. You could also have one of the groups respond to some of the questions and other groups respond to the other questions.

Follow the skits up with some dialogue, as students may want to discuss some of the scenarios presented.

Consolidate/Debrief

Ask students to privately make a list of the fruit of the Spirit that they think they best exhibit. Then have them make a list of the fruit of the Spirit that they think they need to improve upon. Depending on your relationship with the group you could also ask them to make a list of things of sinful nature that they most struggle with and how they plan to deal with those issues.