

The Spirit Difference: Part 2

Week of July 2, 2017



WITNESS

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read **John 7:37-39**

We are all like mismatched tools being used for a purpose that was not meant for us. Jesus wants to repurpose us for what we were truly meant to do. Only through him can we achieve a life of fulfillment and meaning. Only through him can we find our true purpose. But, in order to do that, we must be willing to break out of our old, dead-end purpose and walk fully into a supernatural surrender through the power of the Holy Spirit. Once we do that, we can truly become a tool that does exactly what it was created to do; we can become a tool that mends the broken and fills others full of the Spirit.

Pray

Lord, thank you for the purpose for which you've created each one of us. Please help us to not try to invent our own purpose, but give us the courage to break out of our earthly habits, and give us the strength to surrender our will fully to you for the purpose you have for us. We know that we can't do this on our own. Thank you for your unending grace that constantly forgives our human weakness and overlooks our efforts to place our own purpose over yours. Help us to overflow with that grace, so that we might pour it onto the world around us, bringing the lost home to the Father who loves them.

Getting Started

- Share about a time when you tried to use something contrary to its intended purpose.
- Have you ever had a craving for something that you couldn't have, and you tried something else to satisfy it? Did it work out as you had hoped?

Digging Deeper

1. How thirsty (spiritually) are you right now? Are there specific areas of your life that need more Spirit attention?
2. Are there any ways that you're trying to satisfy that thirst that aren't from the Holy Spirit? Explain. How satisfied (or empty) do you feel when you try to fill that thirst with earthly things?
3. Have you ever had a need that you thought you could fill on your own, but you turned to God for it and he blessed you more than you expected?
4. In what ways could you fill your cup with more Spirit so that it starts overflowing into others?
5. Who are some people in your life who are thirsty?
6. One way that we're trying to help people overflow with the Spirit this summer is Tables. Are you part of a Tables group? If not, would you consider it?

Living Jesus

Jesus told us to come and drink. None of us are always full and pouring over into others' lives. Let's turn to Jesus, allowing him to fill us to overflowing by the power of the Spirit. Jesus spent his entire life pouring into others. Let's make a bold move to emulate him as best as we can...

- **Remember:** You have a purpose that Jesus has created for you. Let the old, dead purpose go and surrender to his will for your life.
- **Reflect:** Consider ways that you can creatively reveal the love of the Father in the power of the Spirit. Be creative, be bold, and love freely in a natural way.
- **Take heart:** We will never be enough on our own, but do not be afraid – and pray! Ask the Spirit to fill you up so that you can continue to fulfill your true purpose and overflow love and grace into the world.