**God Speaks through the Holy Spirit – Leader’s notes**

**Hook (Pick 2)**

**1. If you could ask God one question, what would it be?**

**2. What’s the most difficult decision you’ve had to make lately?**

**3. If you could go back into Bible history, what day/event would you like to be an eye witness to?**

**4. Are you more of a speaker or a listener?**

**Book**

Text: Gal. 5:25 “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

**4. How is the tension between Acts 1;4,5 and Acts 1:8 a microcosm of the Christian life?** (We’re supposed to take Jesus everywhere we go. But first we wait, get filled up, and then we’re ready to do what He calls us to do.)

**5. Read Acts 16:6-10. Why do you think the Holy Spirit kept Paul and Silas from preaching in Asia and Bythinia?** (Maybe for their safety; maybe because the people there weren’t ready; maybe because God had a more urgent location.)

**6. Read Col. 3:15 – how do you know if you’re keeping in step with God’s Spirit?** (the peace of the Holy Spirit should rule in your heart.)

**Look**

**7. What implication might it have for us that the Apostle Paul needed to stay close to the Holy Spirit to direct his steps?** (We also need to listen daily to the H.S.to guide our steps).

**8. Agree or disagree: “If you take responsibility for your relationship with God, he’ll take responsibility for you direction.”**

**9. Should spiritual fruitfulness guide our decision-making?**  (John 15:8 Jesus said: “This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” God wants us to be fruitful. Yet even if there isn’t a lot of fruit right away, obedience trumps fruit.)

**10. What role should circumstances play in our decision-making?** (Just because you have challenging circumstances doesn’t mean you missed hearing God. Just because Paul was in jail didn’t mean he heard God wrong.)

**11. What’s the dimmer switch principle?** (When we respond to the light we have, God gives us more. When we don’t he takes away the light we already have. Prov. 4:18 “The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining every brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like keep darkness; they don’t know what makes them stumble.”

Spiritual maturity is: responding immediately to the light you have.)

**12. Should we expect God to lead more clearly about significant decisions in our lives?**

**13. How does the analogy of ballroom dancing help us understand what’s important in keeping in step with God’s Spirit?** If you want to keep in step with Jesus, you need a firm grip of your partner and attentive feet.

**Took**

**14. What mission workers could we connect with, support and pray for?**

**15. Who do you think the Holy Spirit would want SGA to set apart for cross cultural mission work?**

**16. What decision are you facing that you would appreciate some input about from this home group?**

**Prayer - Ask for more of the Holy Spirit in your life and home group.**