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Digging Deeper

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2. Read Acts 19:1-7 together. What is the meaning of "disciple"? What kind of "disciples" were the men at Ephesus?
3. Why did Paul (Acts 19:2) ask the twelve men about their relationship with the Holy Spirit? What does 1 Cor. 3:16, John 14:26 & Acts 20:22-23 teach us about our relationship with the Holy Spirit?
4. How do you sense the presence and lead of the Holy Spirit according to Scripture as well as personal experience?
5. What is the symbolic meaning of baptism according to Romans 6:1-5? Why is important to be baptized important?
6. What does it mean to repent? Why is repentance and faith necessary for salvation in Christ Jesus?

Living it Out

1. How would you like to grow in sensitivity to the presence and lead of the Holy Spirit? What spiritual fruit (Gal. 5:22-23) would you like him to manifest in a greater way in your life?
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