# The Leading of the Spirit Summary Acts 2:14-17:34

# The Leading of the Spirit inspires

## People’s hearts received new life, their eyes were opened, their ears heard wonderful news, they became part of God’s family and that changed their focus

## They became people led by the Spirit

### With personalities

### With passion for Christ and for people

# The leading of the Spirit motivates

## God inspired people with the right words, with knowledge, with ideas to do things and change things

## God speaking through circumstances, conversations and visions into hearts that were made generous and forgiving and adventurous and welcoming by the indwelling Spirit even though they suffered famines like everyone else and persecution

# God was there

## In the mess

### Leading, guiding, over circumstances, influencing decision making, speaking words of rebuke and comfort and love, and bringing His will to the centre of kingdom business in the church

## God is here

### We are called to discern the leading of the Spirit here and now

#### It’s still not easy

### We are called to be in the right place at the right time to do or say the right things

#### and when we do we’ll find ourselves being the hands, the arms, the feet, the ears and the voice of Christ

# What they learned they passed on (Rom 8:14-17)

## We are His children

### The Holy Spirit

#### Leads us into Holiness

#### Replaces fear with freedom

#### Urges us to call God ‘Father’

#### Is the taster for our glory

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The Holy Spirit working in Christians

## How far do you agree that the Holy Spirit inspires people?

### What examples do you have from the lives of others?

### What examples do you have from your own life?

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# God was there

## It’s quite easy to say that ‘God was there for them (Bible characters)

### Looking back when can you say ‘God was there’ for you

#### What was going on

#### Why was it significant to you?

#### What was the outcome?

#### How did it change the direction of lives?

# The legacy

## Paul was quite specific about what he learned (Rom 8:13-17)

### In the call to holiness, to what extent is leaving sin a ‘first step’?

### To what extent have your fears been replaced with freedom?

#### Explain if you can

### To what extent has the call to being part of the family under the fatherhood of God been a comfort or burden on your journey?

### To what extent are you looking forward to glory?

#### What encourages you?

#### What puts you off?

## What would you pass on to the next and future generations of HBC?

### What would you say we have learned about God, about faith, etc?

#### If you’re not excited about this, why not?