



## **THE BAPTISM AND FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Sabbath School Program)**

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This week we studied about how we can be filled with the Holy Spirit. One evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit can be seen in our word and witness through personal outreach. But how can we do this today? We live in a world where more than 50 percent of the world's population now lives in urban areas. So how does the Holy Spirit's filling move us and our churches into wholistic personal outreach and ministry to "Reach the World?" During our time together, we will discover some creative ways to share Christ through personal outreach.

### **Supplies Needed**

Your local newspaper from last week (from local newspaper, TV station)  
A newspaper from the nearest large city to your church

### **Discussion Group Activity**

**(10 minutes)**

#### **Instructions:**

Divide your Sabbath school group into smaller discussion groups and give them the following activity. Ask for a volunteer to write down the notes for their group and who will share their ideas during the Discussion Group Reporting time.

1. **Find the Pain.** **(2 minutes)**  
Find one news article from your city and identify the pain.
2. **Who is Hurting?** **(2 minutes)**  
List who is affected (directly and indirectly) in the news article.
3. **Pray for the Hurting** **(2 minutes)**  
As a group, uplift this situation to Christ in prayer and claim applicable Scripture promises.
4. **Share Ideas to Minister.** **(2 minutes)**  
as a group, discuss creative ideas or innovative ways that we can minister in these situations, individually and together as a church family.
5. **Take Action: Personal Outreach.** **(2 minutes)**  
Building upon the ideas shared, make an action plan to implement this new personal outreach.

**Discussion Group Reporting**

**(10 minutes)**

Ask each Discussion Group to share a summary from their discussion.

Each group can share their written notes and ideas with the local church Personal Ministries leader to see how to put these ideas into action while working with their local church leaders and pastor.

We invite each local church to share their best ideas on Facebook at MissiontotheCities, by using #MissiontotheCities

**HANDOUT FOR DISCUSSION GROUP MEMBERS:**

<b>NEWS ARTICLE</b>	<b>FIND THE PAIN</b>	<b>IDENTIFY WHO IS HURTING?</b>	<b>PRAYING &amp; CLAIMING PROMISES FOR THE HURTING</b>	<b>IDEAS TO MINISTER TO THE HURTING</b>	<b>TAKING ACTION: PERSONAL OUTREACH</b>

**SUGGESTED SONGS**

Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal No. 194  
 Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal No. 572  
 Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal No. 580  
 Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal No. 581

Sing We of the Modern City  
 Give of Your Best to the Master  
 This Little Light of Mine  
 When the Church of Jesus

**MORNING SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 9:35 – 38

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**RESOURCE LINKS:**

Adventist Community Services [www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org/acs-international](http://www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org/acs-international)

Prayer resources available at United in Prayer <http://100daysofprayer.org/>

Ideas and resources for urban personal outreach go to Mission to the Cities:  
[missiontothecities.org/resources](http://missiontothecities.org/resources)      Twitter @MissionCities      Facebook MissiontotheCities

Resources for outreach with other cultures and faiths: [www.GlobalMissionCenters.org](http://www.GlobalMissionCenters.org)

Pod casts, videos, Bible studies in multiple languages: [www.mylanguagemylife.com](http://www.mylanguagemylife.com)

Resources for personal ministry: <http://www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org/pm>

Discover Bible Correspondence School: <http://www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org/bcs>