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List all of the purposes/uses of water you can come up with.

What might we learn about the Holy Spirit from these purposes of water?

How does water represent the function of the Spirit?

Our need for the Spirit?

How the Spirit changes us?

How might this change how you view your own baptism?

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Imagine a time when you have been the thirstiest you've ever been...maybe it was on a scorching hot day, maybe after a surgery, maybe after an intense workout, maybe after eating a handful (or several) of pretzels. Now imagine how it would feel to drink a tall, cool glass of crisp, clean water in those scenarios.



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Now consider how that might apply to your spiritual thirst. When do you find yourself the thirstiest in your life...for something...anything? Maybe it's when you're exhausted, struggling, grieving, depressed, anxious, distracted, upset, lonely, or bored. What do you reach for in those times to quench that thirst...perhaps it's the TV, the internet, a friend, your phone, your significant other?

What would shift in your life if you reached for the Spirit first, the water that can truly quench your thirst, so much so that living water would then flow out from within you as well?

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How do you see this passage through fresh eyes, in the context of the flow of the Holy Spirit and His work in and around each individual person in the body of Christ, as well as the church as a whole? What stands out or looks different?

Prayer:

Father, thank you for the gift of your Spirit. Thank you that you created us to be a conduit of your love and your presence, as your Spirit covers and fills each one of us, empowering us in incredible ways to live as one, with all of our different functions, gifts, and personalities. Help us all to focus on your movement within us and around us as we move as one body in your name. In the name of Jesus, amen.

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