

## Comment on July Meeting

Our July meeting was held at St Josephs Parish Waihi. Women from Waihi, Katikati, Paeroa, Hamilton Whangamata, Te Aroha and Tauranga braved the very wet conditions to come away and spend some time with the Lord and to also gain a better understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and how to use the Gifts of the Spirit.

The meeting started with the blowing of the shofar. We prayed the Armour Prayer of protection and then Maree did a teaching on 'Who is the Holy Spirit'. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the bridge to God within you. He is the part of your mind—the part of your Spirit—that is joined with the Mind of God. The Holy Spirit is the Voice for God and acts as a reminder to all of us of God's unconditional love for us. The Holy Spirit strengthens, encourages, reveals the truth, comforts, helps, teaches, guides, intercedes, liberates, empowers, convicts, enables, unites and much, much more. Baptism of the Holy Spirit: The word baptism can be confusing. The word baptism means, to overcome, immersed or be over whelmed.

If you have received and accepted Jesus in your life, then the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are living in you, so what is needed is not an incoming but an out flowing of the Holy Spirit. You want the Holy Spirit to flow out. The Holy Spirit is a person, a divine person you can't have more of Him or less of Him. So you shouldn't say I have some of the Holy Spirit and I'm looking for more. If God has given you the Holy Spirit, He has given Him, and all of Him is living in you.

Let's say your friend is at your house, you have left them in the living room. You don't want them in the kitchen because you haven't done the dishes. You don't want them in the bedrooms because the beds aren't made, and you certainly don't want them in the rumpus room because the kids tore that up last night. So how much of your house is your friend in? That is, how much of your house do they have access to? How much of you does the Holy Spirit have? How much of your life house have you let the Holy Spirit into?

If you have the Holy Spirit in you, you have all of the Holy Spirit living in you. You need to let Him out into the rest of the house – into your soul and body. You need to let him know that you give Him permission to make Himself at home so that He has access to every part of you.

The rest of the team Sue, Anne and Linda followed with teaching on the Charismatic gifts, each giving a short testimony. This followed with the commitment prayer, forgiveness prayer and then All the ladies came forward to be anointed by Monsignor Frank for the Spirit to be released in each of us. Then we went into a time of praise and worship. An awesome day; "Glory and Praise to our God."