

AS BY A NEW PENTECOST

Overview

Over 45 years ago Ralph Martin wrote the outlines for the first Life in the Spirit Seminar which was designed to present the basic gospel message in an easy to understand format of seven talks, followed by small group discussions. During the Seminar people received prayer to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Literally millions of Catholics world-wide have come into a revitalized faith in Jesus Christ and a personal experience of the Holy Spirit's power by attending a Life in the Spirit Seminar. The effectiveness of this Seminar is not in the sophistication of the method or the anointing of the teachers, but in God's great desire to pour out His Spirit of love today "as by a New Pentecost."

In this DVD series, Renewal Ministries is offering you a chance to experience this New Pentecost in the intimacy of your home, prayer group or parish. Simply gather a group together and commit to seven sessions, lasting about an hour and a half each (30 minute video, 30 minute small group discussion and some time for fellowship). The Seminar may also be presented in a weekend retreat context.

The first session includes an introduction given by Ralph and the fifth session includes prayer for the grace of being baptized in the Holy Spirit – renewing the graces of baptism and confirmation. For these two sessions a little extra time may be allowed.

Resources:

*All resources can be obtained through the Renewal Ministries Store at www.renewalministries.net. All accompanying documents can be found under the "Free Resources" tab at www.renewalministries.net, as well as in the Renewal Ministries Store, listed with the series DVD set.

Finding New Life Booklet:

If you wish, participants may purchase these booklets from our website to use daily while taking the Seminar. Each day a Scripture reading is suggested to help people appropriate the teaching for that week.

Life in the Spirit Team Manual:

This manual was published by the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and it gives helpful information on how to conduct a Life in the Spirit Seminar and lead small discussion groups. It is not essential that you purchase a manual since our team is presenting all the talks and we provide you with the discussion questions at the end of each session. However, it is a useful resource for those who are organizing the Seminar. Our teachers follow the same basic outline as the manual with the exception of Talk 4 in which we present a teaching on the Charismatic Gifts.

Opening Prayers:

Before each talk the presenter leads a prayer to the Holy Spirit on the video.

Books and CDs:

We are also providing you with a list of books and CDs by our team that you will find helpful in your ongoing growth in the Spirit. Renewal Ministries is here to serve you as you experience a New Pentecost in your life and take your place in the New Evangelization.