

Information about Life in the Spirit Seminar formats for Northcote, 2023

You can do a seminar in a weekend, or over 2 Saturdays or various other ways, but we have found the most effective way is to run it over 6-8 weeks.

This means people can read a daily reflection to prepare for each week and their commitment for living a new life in the spirit after the seminar is more likely.

The ideal is to follow up a seminar with a weekly prayer group, and the 6-8 week format gets people into the habit of a weekly meeting.

Topics covered are similar to these below, topics 1&2, and 7&8 can be combined for a shorter seminar.

1. God's Promise - You will receive Power
2. The unconditional Love of God
3. Jesus is Lord
4. The Gift of God's Spirit
5. Forgiveness, Healing and Reconciliation
6. New Life in God's Spirit (Prayer for the Anointing of the Holy Spirit)
7. Growth
8. Transformation

You can contact ACCPGN for support, also Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group have run a number of seminars and can provide speakers for all the talks if you want, or you can discuss inviting speakers you know from Renewal or priests etc.

ACCPGN have produced a small booklet for participants for an 8 week seminar.

Alternatively there are also manuals available, a DVD series called The Gift or you may find a seminar online.

1. The Life in the Spirit Seminars Team Manual - Catholic edition 1971. Plus a small Participants book called Finding New Life in the Spirit. A guidebook for the Life in the Spirit Seminars. These may be available at St Josephs Centre bookshop, Takapuna, <https://stjosephscentre.co.nz/> or you can order from Amazon online. Cost about \$10
2. Participants book published by CCR Melbourne in 1976 or a Guide and participants notes produced by NSWCCR. Contact aucklandccr@gmail.com

Note: Topic names in these books vary but they cover similar content.

3. **Life in the Spirit Seminar - Youth Edition 2018** contact aucklandccr@gmail.com
4. You can buy or download a 6 session DVD series called The Gift. (A Life in the Spirit Seminar) See <https://faithcafe.org/collections/the-gift-a-life-in-the-spirit-course>
There are reflection sheets available on the website for each week, with scriptures and quotes from the Catechism, the Pope, etc. It's best used along with live personal testimonies.

The topics in The Gift talks

- i **The Fathers Love** David Payne (we all need love, Jesus came to show us the Fathers love.)
- ii **The Joy of the Gospel (Salvation)** Michelle Moran (Things have gone wrong in the world but God sent Jesus to save us)
- iii **The Gift of the Spirit** Charles Whitehead. (Testimony of finding/receiving /continuing with the Holy Spirit. Introduction to baptism in the Holy Spirit and the charisms)
- iv **Unwrapping Gods Gift** Jenny (Testimony-new life. steps needed to prepare ourselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.)
- v **A personal Pentecost (prayer for the Holy Spirit)** David Payne (preparation and prayer for Baptism of the Holy Spirit)
- vi **Living in the Spirit** (after the seminar) Jenny

5. **Life in the Spirit Seminar - Youth Edition 2018** contact aucklandccr@gmail.com

The format for each weekly session in a 6-8 week LISS is

A few praise and worship songs,

A talk, either live or on a video/CD and a testimony which could be part of the talk.

Small group discussion,

Fellowship and cuppa either at the beginning or the end.

Note:The format for the baptism of the Holy Spirit week includes prayer for each person to be baptised with the Holy Spirit, ie to surrender and to ask God to fill you anew with the Holy Spirit and to release the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received at Baptism and Confirmation.

If you choose the weekend format, or 2 Saturdays, you follow similar topics planned to suit your schedule. Here is an example of a program for a weekend/2 day seminar.

- 9:00 a.m. Registration, Introductions, Housekeeping notices
- 9:30 a.m. Praise & worship
- 10:00 a.m. **Pre- Talk - Introduction**
- 10:15 a.m. **Talk 1 - The Unconditional Love of God**
- 10:55 a.m. Small Group Discussions
- 11:15 a.m. Morning Tea
- 11:30 a.m. Praise songs
- 11:45 a.m. **Talk 2 – Jesus is the Saviour**
- 12:25 p.m. Small Group Discussion
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Praise songs
- 1:45 p.m. **Talk 3 – Sin, forgiveness & healing**
- 2:25 p.m. Small Group (**Includes prayer for forgiveness & healing**)
- 2:45 p.m. Afternoon Tea (participants may go to chapel to pray before confession)
- 3:00 p.m. Praise songs (**Confessions begin and carry on till they get over**)
- 3:15 p.m. **Talk 4 – New life in God’s Spirit (Includes commitment prayer)**
- 3:55 p.m. Small Group Discussion
- 4:15 p.m. Notices/Prayer and home (**NB: Confessions may still be going on**)
(Final Song)

SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Praise & worship
10:00 a.m. **Talk 5- Holy Spirit – Giver of gifts**
10:40 a.m. Small group discussions
11:00 a.m. Morning tea
11:15 a.m. **Talk 6– Growth and Community**
11:55 a.m. Small Group Discussions
12:15 p.m. Lunch
12:45 p.m. Praise songs
12:55 p.m. **Talk 7- Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**
(Explain the meaning of praying for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and invite the participants to be open to God and not to be afraid)
1:35 p.m. Afternoon tea
1:55 p.m. Praise songs
2:10 p.m. **Praying over for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**
3:10 p.m. Mass (optional)
4:10 p.m. Testimonies
4:30 p.m. Notices/ Give out Prayer Group Lists/ Make arrangements for Small group leaders to contact their members in the following week
(Final song)

A helpful checklist for organisers of a Life in the Spirit Seminar

Organisation

Form a planning team, pray, choose and plan your program, set dates and book venue.

Consider costs involved and decide on fee: gifts, food, nametags, photocopying, booklets, room hire, handouts, thank you cards /gifts for: Speakers, Priests, Musicians, others? etc

List and Contact helpers required.

Overall Coordinator:

Announcer/leader of the sessions:

Greeters: [2]

Registration table assistants: [1or2]

Hospitality: (tea, coffee etc)

Small Group Leaders: (One for each 5-6 participants)

Prayer ministers: (Someone to be available to help in case of manifestations/deeper ministry)

Intercessors- Ask them to pray leading up to the Seminar and during the Seminar

Musicians: give them a copy of the programme

Priests: for reconciliation, etc

Speakers for each talk:

People to share their Testimonies:

Publicity: Prepare posters and notices. Start advertising 2 months before if possible:

Ready to go:

Depending on the venue to be used ensure there is:

- Data projector etc

- Microphones

- Sound System for musicians.

- Tea, coffee, milk, sugar and biscuits for morning and afternoon teas.

- Washing up gear, rubbish sacks etc

- Other ??