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## These facilitator notes are for Lesson 10: The Holy Spirit Convicts and Attracts

Emphasize the **bold** text.

### **Acts 2:37 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicized (NRSVA)**

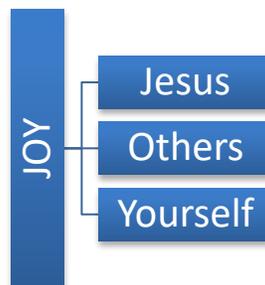
<sup>37</sup> Now **when they heard this, they were cut to the heart** and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'

### **John 16:8 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicized (NRSVA)**

<sup>8</sup> And when he comes, **he will prove (convict) the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement:**

### **John 16:14 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicized (NRSVA)**

<sup>14</sup> **He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.**



1. Have you ever felt "cut to the heart," by the Holy Spirit? Share?
2. "Have you ever tried to convict anybody?"
3. Canon Ashley stated that "evidence hardens their hearts and causes resistance." How have you approached someone who needed the Lord? Did you focus on their problems? What was the result?
4. Canon Ashley said we have to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in witnessing. Why?

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**Optional: *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*, Michael Green**

**The Spirit brings repentance and faith.** (Page 91) “When it comes to faith, we are left in no doubt that this is a gift of God brought about by the Holy Spirit. No man can make the Christian confession ‘Jesus is Lord’ without the Holy Spirit enabling him to do so (I Cor. 12:3).”

**Adoption** (Page 92) “The New Testament writers use a variety of terms to speak of the Holy Spirit’s work in making us Christians. ‘You received the Spirit,’ says Paul to the Galatians. ‘You began in the Spirit.’ You accepted ‘the gracious provision of the Spirit,’ or ‘the promise of the Spirit’ (Gal. 3:2, 3, 5, 14). Sometimes this initial encounter with the Spirit is seen as a great washing (I Cor. 6:11). Sometimes it is a new birth (Titus 3:5, John 3:3, 5) brought about by the entry of the Spirit into our lives. Whatever the imagery, one thing remains constant. **It is only through the agency of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to repent and believe, convicting us of sin and making Jesus attractive to us, that we ever become Christians.** It is the Spirit of Christ that unites us with Christ: so much so that Paul can say ‘If any man does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ’ (Rom. 8:9).”

### **Webster’s Dictionary**

Definition of **enable**

[transitive verb](#)

**1a:** to provide with the means or opportunity

**b:** to make possible, practical, or easy

**c:** to cause to operate

**2:** to give legal power, capacity, or sanction to a law

5. How has the Holy Spirit enabled us for witnessing?
6. Jesus himself, told us to go and make disciples of all nations. How does that command relate to Webster’s #2 definition of ‘enable’?