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**Q1: What are you seeing and hearing that indicates the direction of the Holy Spirit and how He moves today? What is God doing now?**

- The Holy Spirit is moving his people from conformism and religiosity.
- Bringing reform.
- restoring his church.
- Producing growth.
- Uniting his people.
- Creating team work.
- Calling to worship and to be filled with his presence.
- Calling his church to influence the political world.
- Calling his church to not miss the next generation.
- Changing paradigms and structures.
- The need to continue in the prophetic.
- The importance of spiritual fatherhood: We need spiritual fathers and mothers.
- We must be careful with humanism
- New believers are running fast in the Holy Spirit.
- Women and young people rising in the power of Holy Spirit.
- Changing the traditional ways of evangelizing.
- Passion for the lost.

**Q2: What is bearing fruit and that has stopped producing fruit? What must stop, start, or continue?**

**• Producing:**

- Making religion practical
- Effective strategies and integration of churches
- The media including newspapers and artistic methods to win others to Christ
- Evangelism in homes, restaurants, and other places
- Believe in youth, invest in their lives, and encourage them to work
- Penetration and expansion of the gospel to the whole community
- Prayer, community, prophetic intercession, youth, new schemes
- Searching for revelation, not just entertainment.
- Having a presence in society and government.

**• Not producing**

- Legalism
- Religious tradition

- Traditional church leadership (Dictatorship)
- Individualism, denominationalism and imported Models
- The lack of prayer
- Lack of consolidation
- Competition
- Division of the Body of Christ
- Avoid getting used to the spirit.

**Q3: What challenges and opportunities are now facing the power of Spirit in Christianity in Latin America? What should we expect in the future?**

**• Challenges:**

- Keep winning souls or
- Getting our children to continue in the church and understand the things of God
- Communicate the true message in the church
- Affect current social and political philosophies
- Educating the people or God in general
- Teach the people what is the real move of the Spirit
- Balance
- Do not fall into legalism
- Discipline
- Secularism, materialism

**• The Future:**

- A Spirit-filled body of Christ will impact the world.
- There is coming a reformation of the gospel
- We need integrity and holy living
- Must pass the movement to the next generation
- Unity
- Preparation

**Q4: What trends are now affecting the next generation in terms of being empowered by the Holy Spirit?**

**Negatives**

- Must learn how to live in the spirit every day
- Structures and rules may be too rigid - Youth believe they can not serve
- They need a better understanding of the spirit
- Humanism
- Lack of identity
- Do not understand that life is a process
- They want what they want immediately without thinking about the future.
- They have a lot of apathy and indifference
- Gender identity: man and woman
- They have no respect for the authorities

- Do not know the authority of the families
- Need to learn perseverance and patience during the difficulties of life
- Media influence: film, television, advertising, sexuality, materialism
- Parents are not spiritual parents living carnal lives
- Lack of role models and mentors
- Glorification of wrong ideas
- Depression
- Freedom of choice because of the rights of a person
- Lack Paternalism
- Entertainment
- Pluralism
- Secularism
- We are seeing liberalization in a negative way

**Positives:**

- Spiritual ideas can radically affect the lives
- Better intellectual and academic preparation
- Activities and things where adults listen to young

**Q5: What do you think is the future of the Pentecostal movement in Latin America?**

**Q6: How can we bring the next generation to live in the power of the Spirit? What vocabulary will help them embrace the Holy Spirit?**

- Guide them to the manifestations of the Spirit
- Take them to the practical actions that can help them meet the challenges of daily life
- Keep the spirit moving and teach them how to manifest the spirit in their lives
- Promote excellence in what they do
- Foster commitment and responsibility
- A Christian lifestyle
- Recognition of the talents
- Demonstrations of the miraculous
- Give Confidence
- Technology Access
- Guide them to understand and prepare for the time they live in
- Have a vocabulary they can understand
- Teaching by example
- Show the reality and power of the Holy Spirit
- We must start with our children
- How to live according to God's word
- Enhance the educational process in church and family
- Provide evidence of the spirit in the family
- Exposing biblically spiritual experience, not religious, but through the real life
- Tell them that the Holy Spirit wants a relationship with them too
- Know how to handle technology: Facebook, MySpace, Twitter
- Intimacy

- Personal Experience
- Invest time in teaching
- Transformation, not just entertainment
- Use new versions of the Bible
- Use new vocabulary
- Friendship
- Evidence
- Transparency
- Passion for the person of the Holy Spirit

**Q7: What are the most important things we can do in our churches to help the next generation to experience the power of the Holy Spirit and serve the move?**

(1)

Discovery through relationship: cross-generational example.

(2)

Giving young people an opportunity of trust and full participation in ministry and other church activities including Sunday worship.

(3)

Dynamic models to discover gifts and abilities that are effective with continued responsibilities in the church.

(4)

Create a forum for connecting the present generation with the new generation and talk to them about the present situations and help them become empowered.

(5)

Create a virtual platform where young people can see and integrate programs and activities of the kingdom.

(6)

Inviting people to the general meetings which have been models of success during their youth.

(7)

Empower, send and guide the youth to practice Christianity.