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- They hadn't received the Holy Spirit when they believed (v.2)
- They had received John's baptism of repentance (v.3)
- They didn't fully understand what John was preparing for (v.4)
- They didn't know about baptism in the name of Jesus (v.5)
- They were baptized and Paul laid his hands on them (v.6)
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Good Guesses

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- They were Jews.
- Paul could quickly tell that something wasn't right.
- Tongues and prophesying were not a necessary sign of genuine salvation for all believers, but an occasional sign in situations where it was especially important.

Clear Conclusions

- There were still groups of followers of John the Baptist at this time.
- By the end, these twelve men were clearly born again followers of Jesus.
- The gift of the Holy Spirit is an essential part of the gift of salvation.

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- Saved, but didn't know about Christian baptism and the Holy Spirit?
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