



Big Idea

The Holy Spirit is a person that has intellect and will. He can love, and He can be grieved. The Holy Spirit cannot be seen in the natural realm, but he is with and he lives in us. He changes us and we become different when He enters our hearts. The Bible calls him our Counselor and the Spirit of Truth. The world does not accept the Holy Spirit because they do not know Him. (John 14:16-17) But, as believers, we are given spiritual discernment to understand and accept the Holy Spirit as our comforter, protector and advisor.

- The Holy Spirit gives us the power of salvation and to walk in His will. When the Holy Spirit calls us, it feels like a supernatural “tug” or “nudge.” Where we feel led to do something... even if it goes against our fleshly comforts. He confirms in our hearts that we are a child of God. We feel Him in our being. The Holy Spirit gives us insight and teaches us what is true. In the times that we don’t feel led in one way or the other...we should stop and pray. John 16:13 promises us that “when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth.”
- The Holy Spirit gives us the power to share Christ boldly and to live a holy life: When the Holy Spirit speaks to us, we should step out boldly in our faith. We don’t have to be timid or silent. We can trust that God will work through us to demonstrate His power. The Holy Spirit can reveal himself to others through how we live our lives. A life controlled by the Holy Spirit is empowered to exercise the fruits of the spirit. (For example, someone who works out of love, joy, patience and peace, etc. versus one who is easily angered, rejects others, yells, etc.) Our behavior and the way we respond looks different when we are controlled by the Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit gives us power to make a difference with spiritual gifts: Every person has been given a specific gift by the Lord, to unify and build up His Holy church. We can identify our spiritual gifts by our passions and our strengths.

When the Holy Spirit moves in our lives, we are called to submit and obey. When we do, He can work wonders through us. However, if we resist Him, he will go. The Spirit does not go where he is not welcome and He will leave quietly, if we continue to reject Him.

Discussion Questions

- Talk about a time you encountered the Holy Spirit. What did it feel like?
- Do you know your spiritual gift?
- How are you using your spiritual gifts to serve others?
- Describe your life before it was full of the Holy Spirit. What did it look like then? How is it different, now?
- Help each other identify or discuss your spiritual gifts within the group as a way to encourage each other.

Next Steps

- How can we pray for you this week? Write down each person’s prayer requests and make it a point to pray for them and text them with an encouraging word at some point this week.

Pray

- Pray that each person will be filled with the fruits of the Holy Spirit, that he will empower them to be filled with; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- Pray that we would never resist His spirit and that we will trust and obey what He is asking us to do.