

Our  
GOD  
Who is...

WITHIN  
*us*







# HOLY SPIRIT 101

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Main Scripture Passages: John 14:16-17, 26; 16:5-15

In this session we will explore the foundational doctrine of the Holy Spirit, focusing attention on what Jesus himself said to expect regarding the Spirit. We will look at who the Holy Spirit is, what he does, and what it means for the believer to be indwelt by him.

*The Holy Spirit is...*

**GOD – OMNISCIENT, ETERNAL, ALL-POWERFUL**

Matthew 28:19; Luke 1:35; John 16:13; Act 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; 3:16-17; 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 9:14

**PERSONAL – NOT AN IMPERSONAL FORCE**

Has personal pronouns (John 16:13-14), Another “of the same kind” as Christ (John 16:7), Referred to as a member of the Trinity (Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Acts 2:33, 38; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2), Can interact with him (Matthew 12:31; Mark 3:29; John 14:26; Acts 5:3-4; 7:51; 15:28; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19)

**RESPONSIBLE FOR SPIRITUAL WORKS**

Creation (Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13), Cultivating justice, peace, righteousness and devotion (Isaiah 32:15; 44:3-5), Equipping God’s people (Exodus 35:31-35; Zechariah 4:6; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Peter 4:10-11) Interceding for believers (Romans 8:26-27), Giving Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21), Providing conviction (John 3:5-8; 16:8), Regenerating human hearts (Ezekiel 36:26-28; John 16:8-11; Romans 8:11; Titus 3:5), Sanctifying the believer (Romans 8:1-17), Producing fruit in and through the believer (Galatians 6:5:22-23)

# MAIN SESSION ONE TEACHING NOTES:

# DISCUSSION – HOLY SPIRIT 101

Gather together with your small group and turn your attention to the following discussion questions:

1. What new characteristic of the Holy Spirit did you learn about tonight, or which characteristic did you understand in a deeper way?
2. Jesus said that it was better for him to leave than to stay with us, because that would enable him to send us the Spirit. How is having the Holy Spirit present within us better even than having Christ beside us?
3. How can we as believers cultivate awe and wonder for the astounding truth that the Spirit of the Living God lives within us?
4. Describe what impact consistent awareness of the Holy Spirit within you might have on your personal life and faith development.
5. What remaining questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?



# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE BELIEVER

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Main Scripture Passage: Romans 8:1-28

In this session we will discover there is no formula for how we interact with the Holy Spirit...and why that is really good news!

*The Holy Spirit...*

**FREES US**

**INDWELLS US**

**EMPOWERS US**

**INTERCEDES FOR US**

# MAIN SESSION TWO TEACHING NOTES:

# DISCUSSION – THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE BELIEVER

Gather together with your small group. We will begin our group with a science experiment, which will be explained at the beginning of the small group session. After you complete this activity, discuss the following questions together:

1. Reflect on the science experiment. How did it mirror the experience of the believer interacting with the Holy Spirit?
2. What about having a formula to follow when it comes to engaging with the Spirit feels appealing? How can expecting a formula impact our growth in faith?
3. Why is understanding the biblical testimony about what the Spirit does and how he operates important to guiding our ability to engage with him on a personal, individual level?
4. Do you find yourself paying more attention to the Holy Spirit's comfort or conviction? How can you assist yourself in finding a balance between the two?
5. How is the concept of "now-and-not-yet" relevant to Christian faith? How does it relate to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?