

IGNITED: THE SPIRIT WITHIN

Week 2 Small Group & Personal Study Guide

Key Thought

The Holy Spirit is not merely a force, feeling, or occasional visitor. He is God's promised presence living within every believer. Because Jesus kept His promise, every follower of Christ can live with confidence knowing they are never abandoned, forgotten, or alone.

Opening Question

Have you ever been given a promise that someone failed to keep? How did that affect your trust in them?

How does it impact your faith knowing that Jesus always keeps His promises?

Read Together

John 14:16-17

John 16:7

Acts 1:4-5

Point 1: Jesus Kept His Promise

Jesus promised His disciples that He would not leave them alone. The Holy Spirit was the fulfillment of God's promise to remain with His people.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you about Jesus promising the Holy Spirit before His death and resurrection?
2. Why do you think Jesus wanted His disciples to wait for the promised Holy Spirit?
3. How does the Holy Spirit demonstrate God's desire to be near His people?
4. What does the name Emmanuel ("God with us") mean to you personally?

Point 2: The Holy Spirit Comes When We Believe

Read: Ephesians 1:13-14, Galatians 3:2, Romans 8:9

The Holy Spirit is not earned through performance. He is received through faith. The moment we place our trust in Jesus Christ, God seals us with His Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

1. According to Ephesians 1, when do believers receive the Holy Spirit?
2. Why is it important to understand that the Spirit is received by faith and not by works?
3. What does it mean to you that God has placed His seal upon your life?
4. How does being marked by God bring confidence and assurance?

Point 3: The Spirit Within

Read: John 14:17, 1 Corinthians 6:19

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between God being with His people and God living within His people?
2. What does it mean that believers are now the temple of the Holy Spirit?
3. How should knowing that God's Spirit lives in you impact your daily life?
4. What areas of life become different when we remember we are never alone?

Personal Reflection

Jesus, thank You for keeping Your promise. Thank You for giving me Your Holy Spirit. Help me become more aware of Your presence and live with confidence knowing that You are with me and within me.

Memory Verse

Ephesians 1:13

"When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit."

Weekly Challenge

Every morning this week, declare:

"The Spirit of God lives in me. I am not abandoned. I am not forgotten. I am not alone."