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Holy Spirit

How would you describe the Holy Spirit to someone that is new to the faith or someone not mature in the faith?

Floodlighting example. The intended effect is to make something visible when otherwise it would not be seen. This illustrates the Holy Spirit's new covenant role. The Holy Spirit does not say, look at me, but, look at and focus on Jesus.

Read Acts 2:37-42

Six amazing roles that the Holy Spirit begins in our lives as He transforms us and makes us more and more like Jesus.

Pick two to discuss as a group. If time allows, pick more.

1. He indwells in us.
1 Corinthians 6:19-20
2. He teaches and reminds us.
John 14:26
3. He encourages us.
Acts 9:31
4. He gives us hope.
Romans 15:13
5. He tells us the truth.
John 16:12-13
6. He helps us pray.
Romans 8:26

Describe Peter before Pentecost. Describe Peter (and the other apostles) after the Holy Spirit filled their hearts.

What has your life looked like after being filled with the Holy Spirit? Have you actually been filled?

Possessing the Fruit of the Spirit is evidence that you are filled with the Holy Spirit. You may not have the fruit of the Holy Spirit in all the completeness you want but when you desire to live out the fruit of the Spirit you have evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is the supreme evidence of the Spirit's indwelling presence. Galatians 5:23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law." The fruit of the Spirit is a power of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all who are surrendered and yielded to continue the work Jesus started.

Reflect: Is there evidence that you are filled with the Holy Spirit?

Pray: Repent. Be filled. Clean out all that is taking the place of the Holy Spirit in your life.