

Holy Spirit: Week 1 Who is Holy Spirit?

Day 1: The Spirit's Creative Power

Reading: Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-5

Devotional: As we begin our journey exploring the Holy Spirit, we start at the very beginning. In Genesis, we see the Spirit of God hovering over the waters, bringing order from chaos. This same creative power is echoed in John's Gospel, where we learn that all things were made through the Word. Reflect today on how the Holy Spirit is still creating and renewing in your life. Where do you see His creative work? How might you open yourself to His transformative power? Ask God to help you recognize and cooperate with the Spirit's ongoing creative work in your heart and circumstances.

Day 2: God's Presence Among Us

Reading: Exodus 40:34-38, John 1:14

Devotional: The Old Testament shows us God's presence manifested in cloud and fire, guiding His people. In the New Testament, we see this presence embodied in Jesus Christ, who "tabernacled" among us. Today, consider how God makes His presence known in your life. Are you attuned to His guidance? How can you become more aware of His presence throughout your day? Take time to sit quietly, acknowledging God's presence with you right now. Ask the Holy Spirit to heighten your awareness of God's nearness in every moment.

Day 3: The Indwelling Spirit

Reading: Acts 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Devotional: At Pentecost, we witness a profound shift - the Holy Spirit now dwells within believers. Paul later reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. This intimate indwelling surpasses even the physical presence of Jesus with the disciples. How does this reality change how you view yourself and your daily choices? Reflect on what it means to be a "temple" of God's Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live in a way that honors His presence within you, making choices that reflect His holiness and love.

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Day 4: New Life in Christ

Reading: Romans 8:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Devotional: Through the Holy Spirit, we are given new life in Christ. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us, transforming us from the inside out. Consider areas of your life where you need this resurrection power. Where do you feel spiritually dead or stagnant? Invite the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into these areas. Thank God for the new creation He is making you to be, and ask for faith to live fully in this new reality.

Day 5: Ongoing Transformation

Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, Galatians 5:22-23

Devotional: The Holy Spirit's work in us is ongoing, gradually transforming us into the image of Christ. This process produces spiritual fruit in our lives - love, joy, peace, and more. Reflect on how you've seen the Spirit shaping your character over time. Where do you still need growth? Ask the Holy Spirit to continue His transformative work, making you more like Jesus. Commit to cooperating with this process by remaining in God's presence and being attentive to His voice.

Discussion Questions:

How does understanding the Holy Spirit as fully God, co-eternal and co-equal with the Father and Son, impact your view of the Trinity?

In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit's presence in your life, similar to how the Israelites experienced God's presence through the cloud and fire?

How does Jesus' statement about being the true temple challenge our understanding of God's presence among us?

What are the implications of the Holy Spirit dwelling within believers rather than in a physical temple?

How does the concept of being 'raised to new life' through the Holy Spirit change your perspective on your daily Christian walk?