

OMNIGROUP LESSON NOTES

The Dove

The Symbols of the Holy Spirit Part 1

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

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WELCOME

PRAYER

SHARE

Why the Dove?

1. **Gentle** - Symbolizes the Holy Spirit's peaceful nature.
2. **Pure and Clean** - Used in ceremonies to represent purity.
3. **Constant in Love** - Represents unwavering love, reflecting the Holy Spirit's patience.
4. **Clean in What it Eats** - Highlights holiness and sanctification.

Three Times the Holy Spirit Comes Within the Earth

1. **Creation**
 - o **Genesis 1:2 (ESV)**: The Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
2. **Jesus' Baptism**
 - o **Matthew 3:16-17 (ESV)**: The Spirit of God descended like a dove on Jesus.
3. **The Church**
 - o **Acts 1:8 (ESV)**: The Holy Spirit empowers the disciples.

Three Times the Dove was Sent Out

1. **First Time: Temporary Ministry**

- o **Genesis 8:8-9 (ESV):** The dove returned with mud and dirt.
- 2. **Second Time: Peace with Jesus**
 - o **Genesis 8:10-11 (ESV):** The dove returned with an olive branch.
- 3. **Third Time: Permanent Ministry**
 - o **Genesis 8:12 (ESV):** The dove did not return, symbolizing permanence.

The Holy Spirit's Permanent Resting Place

- **John 14:16-17 (ESV):** The Holy Spirit dwells within believers permanently.
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Discussion Questions:

1. How does the symbolism of the dove enhance your understanding of the Holy Spirit?
2. What significance do you see in the three stages of the Holy Spirit's presence on earth?
3. How can we, as a small group, embrace and embody the Holy Spirit's gentle, pure, and constant love in our daily lives?
4. In what ways can we acknowledge and celebrate the permanent ministry of the Holy Spirit within us?

Prayer Requests / Praise Reports

REMEMBER TO TAKE ATTENDANCE

CARE: Follow-up during the week