

OMNIGROUP LESSON NOTES

The Symbols of the Holy Spirit Part 8

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

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PRAYER

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1. Nicodemus Comes at Night

- **Key Scripture:** John 3:1-3
 - **Discussion Points:**
 - **Nicodemus' Approach:** Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Jewish ruling council, comes to Jesus at night. Discuss why Nicodemus might have come to Jesus secretly and what this says about his faith.
 - **Partial Understanding:** Nicodemus believed in part but did not fully grasp the truth. He wanted to explore Jesus' teachings while staying within his comfort zone.
 - **Application:** In what areas of your life are you trying to "play it safe" with your faith? How is Jesus calling you to move beyond partial belief to a complete transformation?
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2. The Necessity of Spiritual Rebirth

- **Key Scripture:** John 3:4-6
 - **Discussion Points:**
 - **Flesh Gives Birth to Flesh, Spirit Gives Birth to Spirit:** Jesus explains the difference between natural birth and spiritual rebirth. Physical life comes from human birth, but spiritual life comes only through the Holy Spirit.
 - **Spiritual Transformation:** Being "born of the Spirit" is about a deep, inner transformation that aligns us with God and produces spiritual fruit.
 - **Application:** Reflect on your own experience of spiritual rebirth. How has the Holy Spirit brought about change in your life? What fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) are evident in your daily walk?
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3. The Wind as a Metaphor for the Spirit

- **Key Scripture:** John 3:7-8
- **Discussion Points:**

- **The Wind Blows Where It Wishes:** Jesus compares the Holy Spirit to the wind—unpredictable, unseen, yet powerful and real. You can hear the wind, see its effects, and feel it, but you can't control it or fully understand it.
 - **The Spirit's Sovereignty:** The Holy Spirit works in ways that are beyond human control or comprehension. Like the wind, the Spirit moves according to God's will, bringing transformation where it is needed.
 - **Application:** How do you see the Holy Spirit moving in your life right now? Are there areas where you need to surrender more fully to the Spirit's leading, trusting in His sovereign work?
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4. Living by the Spirit's Leading

- **Reflection:**
 - **Hearing, Seeing, and Feeling the Spirit:** Just as we can hear, see, and feel the wind, we can discern the Spirit's work in our lives through our experiences, changes in our character, and the inner voice that guides us.
 - **Commitment to Spiritual Growth:** Encourage group members to seek a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, being open to the Spirit's movement and direction in their lives.
- **Action Step:** Spend time in prayer this week, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where you need transformation. Commit to following the Spirit's leading, even when it takes you out of your comfort zone.

Prayer Requests / Praise Reports
REMEMBER TO TAKE ATTENDANCE
CARE: Follow-up during the week