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The lessons you're about to engage are meant to help strengthen your biblical knowledge, understanding, and application. In addition to what the Bible says, studying the culture, land, language, and other background information will produce a broader and deeper understanding of what Scripture is saying to you. These lessons are intended to help provide that for you.

The format of these lessons is built on the following five questions that will help you explore the biblical author's intent, your perspective as a modern reader, and how the Holy Spirit can apply it to you. In order to gain a fuller understanding of Scripture, you should ask:

- What did this Scripture mean to the original author and audience?
- What does this Scripture mean to me today?
- How can this Scripture apply to my life?
- How does this Scripture deepen my love for God?
- How can I demonstrate this Scripture to my family and those around me?

Every lesson contains four sections. The first section is called **SIGHTLINE: Acquire Your Target**, and it gives an overview to the subject being studied. The second section is called **CROSSHAIR: Focus on Your Target**, and it helps you to begin to bring the subject into a clearer focus. The third section is called **BULLSEYE: Zero in on Your Target**, and it brings the study into clear focus. The last section is called **TRIGGER PULL: Hit Your Target** which helps you to deepen your relationship with God and with others.

These lessons have been built using several resources to provide you with an in-depth study without having to purchase every single resource. But, there are a few recommended tools for purchase that will enhance your engagement with these lessons. They are:

- *FireBible®: English Standard Version®*
- Journal
- Colored Pencils
- Fine Point Pen

The ultimate goal of these lessons is to equip you to ascertain what the Holy Spirit and God's Word is saying to you. To do that, it's recommended that you work slowly and methodically through this deep dive into the Scripture.



Before you begin this targeted study on the Holy Spirit, a few things need to be stated and understood. First, your relationship with Jesus determines where you spend eternity. Second, your relationship with the Holy Spirit has everything to do with the quality of your walk with God here and now. The goal of this targeted study on the Holy Spirit is not just to gain more knowledge. The goal is that you gain a deeper relationship with God as you more deeply understand and open your life to the Holy Spirit. As you journey through this study on the Holy Spirit, the challenge is for you to present your life, theology, and experiences as a fresh slate before God.

A DAILY PRAYER FOR THIS STUDY:

Holy Spirit, I need you in my life. I want to know you better. Show me who You are. I need Your help in my home, my family, my relationships, and in my church. Please provide me the power and gifts that I need to live and serve as I should. Make me more like Jesus. Amen.



FOR GROUP LEADERS

As you plan to use this material in a group format, below are some tips to help you better utilize these lessons in that setting.

- Determine who will be the group leader. The leader will be responsible for making any copies needed, coordinating meeting times, and facilitating discussions.
- The group leader should select individuals to read aloud the **SIGHTLINE** and **CROSSHAIR** sections.
- Before a session begins, the group leader should read through the questions in the **BULLSEYE** and **TRIGGER PULL** sections. Many lessons have more content than can be covered in one session, so the leader may choose to only engage part of the questions or assign group members to work through part or all the questions before arrival.
- If your group is very large, dividing into groups of three to four people is the best way to work through selected questions from the **BULLSEYE** and **TRIGGER PULL** sections for thirty to forty minutes. These groups should also commit to work together throughout the week.
- If you've divided into smaller groups, rejoin the entire group together after that small group time. Discuss as a large group a few of the selected questions from the **BULLSEYE** section for ten to fifteen minutes.
- Finally, the leader is responsible to hold group members accountable for completing the Scripture reading before each session and ensuring that they are writing in their journals.

Doug Clay, in his resource *Asking for A Friend: Who is The Holy Spirit*, said, “As a kid growing up in a Pentecostal church, I saw a lot of things in the name of the ‘Holy Spirit’ that were quite interesting.” This quote speaks to the broad range of understanding regarding the work of the Spirit.

To gain a healthy understanding of the Holy Spirit for you and your group, you need to diligently study and ask God to help you learn and develop a theology that is grounded in the Bible. Doug Clay has helped develop a powerful resource called *Asking for a Friend: Who Is The Holy Spirit?* that can also be a blessing for your church. There are lessons for children, teens, and adults. Go



to <https://digital.myhealthychurch.com> to find this resource. Coupling Doug's resource with this one will lead to a tremendously profound understanding of the person, nature, and work of the Holy Spirit.

It's vital to develop a theology of the Holy Spirit based on Scripture. But it's also necessary to develop the fruitful relationship with Him that He desires. This study will empower you and your groups discover that relationship, one of the most significant, game-changing relationships you can have in this life.



LESSON BREAKDOWN

THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY

- 1: Who Is the Holy Spirit?
- 2: The Mystery of the Trinity
- 3: What Is the Holy Spirit Like?
- 4: The Holy Spirit in 3-D
- 5: The Holy Spirit Is Naturally Supernatural

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 6: The Biblical Basis for Spiritual Language
- 7: The Benefits of Spiritual Language
- 8: The Trail of Tongues: Biblical Models of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- 9: Praying in Tongues and the Gift of Tongues
- 10: Luke, Paul, and the Holy Spirit
- 11: Objections, Misconceptions, and Excesses Regarding Spiritual Language

THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 12: The Fruit of the Spirit
- 13: Fruit of the Spirit: Love
- 14: Fruit of the Spirit: Joy
- 15: Fruit of the Spirit: Peace
- 16: Fruit of the Spirit: Patience
- 17: Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness
- 18: Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness
- 19: Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness

- 20: Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness
- 21: Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control

THE OPERATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ME

- 22: The Holy Spirit Helps You Discover Real Life
- 23: The Holy Spirit Helps You Get Your Life Together
- 24: The Holy Spirit Helps You Experience Inner Power
- 25: The Holy Spirit Helps You Overcome Your Fears
- 26: The Holy Spirit Helps You Grow in Grace
- 27: The Holy Spirit Helps You Tell the Truth
- 28: The Holy Spirit Helps You Pray in Power
- 29: The Holy Spirit Helps You Live in Freedom
- 30: The Holy Spirit Helps You Live by Faith

APPENDICES

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- Appendix B: The Holy Spirit, A Brief Biblical Survey
- Appendix C: Timeline of the Holy Spirit
- Appendix D: Subsequence Chart
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