



—“Keep in Step with the Spirit” —

(Galatians 5:25)

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Ice Breaker:

How has being a follower of Jesus surprised you over the years? Have there been experiences in your study of the Bible or encounters with the Holy Spirit that have really gotten your attention?

Olivet Discourse:

Just before Jesus was crucified and rose and ascended into heaven, Jesus spoke of another Comforter, One just like Himself. Why do you think Jesus emphasized this just before his departure?

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit acts like a spotlight, an intercom, and a matchmaker in the church, our lives, and in the world.

Of the three illustrations, which one stood out to you and why?

Go back and read the text for each: Spotlight (John 15:26) and ask, “How has the Spirit put the spotlight on Jesus for you?” Intercom (John 16: 13,14) and ask, “How has the voice of Jesus been made clear to you through the Word of God and the Spirit?” Matchmaker (John 16:7) and ask, “Can anyone share an example of the Spirit drawing them to Jesus, to love and appreciate him more and more?” (Rom. 8 says the Spirit bears witness with our spirits).

Ephesians 5:18 contrasts being drunk with wine, with the ongoing filling of the Spirit. Talk with your group about the struggle to be continually filled with the Spirit. Why is it that we often resort to the flesh when we have this ever flowing fountain of the Spirit in our lives? (Refer back to our study a few weeks ago on Lot; we tend to be persuaded by the false happinesses of the world all too often).

There are several Word Pictures of the Spirit in the Bible: a dove, dynamite, fire, a tree bearing fruit, and a gift giver. Which one of these stood out to you as you listened to the sermon? Let's each take one image of the Spirit and think about how we might apply it to our lives this week.

Read Galatians 5: 16 - 26 together out loud. Have your pens and highlighters ready as we study this passage together. What does this section say about: the Spirit and our relationship to Him; the insidiousness of the flesh and how it brings us down spiritually; our relationship to the Law; and the commands to walk in the Spirit?

Conclude with prayers of submission to the Holy Spirit, inviting Him to fill you and use you in the week ahead.