



Killers of Faith - Part 3

Group Leader Guide

Opening Prayer

Begin your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion and reveal areas where spiritual complacency may have taken root in your lives.

Message Summary

This week's message focused on how apathy and compromise slowly erode our faith and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Unlike pride, which can kill faith instantly, apathy works gradually—dulling our spiritual senses until we can no longer hear God's voice clearly. The solution requires changing our spiritual diet and cleansing what we consume daily.

Video Message (Watch together)

Key Takeaways

1. Living by faith requires the Holy Spirit's active presence in our lives
2. Apathy dulls our sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's promptings
3. We drift away gradually, not suddenly—often through small compromises
4. What we consume (media, content, influences) competes for the finite space in our lives meant for the Holy Spirit
5. Renewal requires intentionally changing our spiritual diet

Discussion Questions

Opening Question (Icebreaker)

- What is one area of your life where you've noticed you've become less passionate or engaged than you once were?

Understanding Apathy

- How would you define spiritual apathy in your own words? What does it look like in everyday life?
- The sermon mentioned that apathy "dulls your sensitivity to the promptings of the Holy Spirit." Can you share a time when you felt spiritually sensitive versus a time when you felt spiritually numb?
- Read Hebrews 2:1 together. What does it mean to "drift away"? How is drifting different from deliberate rebellion?

Recognizing Compromise

- The sermon states that "whatever we look at or listen to, are competing for a finite space in our lives." What are some things currently competing for space in your life?
- Which of these areas of consumption do you find most challenging: what you watch, what you listen to, what you laugh at, what you follow, or who you follow? Why?
- Not everything we consume is necessarily demonic, but it can still crowd out the Holy Spirit. How do you discern what is harmless versus what is harmful to your spiritual life?

Personal Reflection

- On a scale of 1-10, how sensitive do you feel to the Holy Spirit's promptings right now? What factors have influenced this?
- Where are you currently compromising in your spiritual life? (Allow time for honest, vulnerable sharing)
- Have you ever experienced a season where God felt silent, but in hindsight, you realized you had pushed Him aside?

Moving Forward

- Read Romans 12:2. What does it practically look like to "not conform to the pattern of this world" in our current culture?
- What would it mean for you to "change your spiritual diet" this week?
- What is one specific thing you need to replace in your spiritual environment to make more room for the Holy Spirit?

This Week's Challenge

Choose at least ONE of the following to implement this week:

Audit Your Consumption

- Track what you watch, listen to, and scroll through for three days
- At the end of each day, ask: "Did this feed my spirit or starve it?"
- Identify one thing to eliminate or reduce

Create Space for the Holy Spirit

- Replace 15 minutes of social media scrolling with Bible reading or worship music
- Unfollow accounts that promote negativity, mockery, or distraction
- Set specific times to be still and listen for God's voice

Cleanse Your Environment

- Remove one source of spiritual compromise from your daily routine
- Add one spiritual discipline (prayer, Scripture memory, worship, fasting from media)
- Share your commitment with an accountability partner

Renew Your Mind

- Memorize Romans 12:2 this week
- Each morning, ask the Holy Spirit to increase your sensitivity to His voice
- Journal about moments when you sense His promptings

Accountability Questions

Pair up with another group member and commit to checking in this week:

1. What is the one area of compromise you identified tonight?
2. What specific change are you committing to make?
3. How can I pray for you this week?
4. Can I text/call you mid-week to see how you're doing?

Prayer Focus

Close your time by praying for:

- Sensitivity - That God would restore your sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's voice
- Conviction - That the Holy Spirit would reveal areas of compromise you haven't recognized
- Courage - To make difficult changes in your spiritual diet
- Renewal - That God would transform your minds and revive your faith
- Each Other - Pray specifically for the commitments each person shared

Looking Ahead

Before next week, reflect on this question: "What difference has changing my spiritual diet made in my sensitivity to the Holy Spirit?"

Come prepared to share your experiences, struggles, and victories.

Additional Resources

- Scripture for Further Study: Ephesians 5:15-20, 1 Corinthians 6:12, Philippians 4:8
- Reflection Question: If the Holy Spirit withdrew from my life, how long would it take me to notice?