

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 3 of By My Spirit

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God revealed as the One who leads His people by the Holy Spirit, speaking, sending, stopping, and steering us according to His purpose.

1. The Spirit Speaks (Acts 8:29; Acts 13:2)

- The Holy Spirit spoke clearly to Philip and to the believers in Antioch, giving specific direction for what God wanted them to do. The Spirit still speaks to His people and invites us to listen and respond.

Discuss:

- *How can we become more attentive to the Holy Spirit's voice in our everyday lives?*
- *What can make it difficult to distinguish the Spirit's leading from our own thoughts or desires?*

2. The Spirit Sends (Acts 10:19–20; Acts 13:4)

- The Holy Spirit didn't simply give direction to the early church; He sent them into action. His leading often moves us beyond comfort and into obedience.

Discuss:

- *Why do you think God's leading often requires us to take a step before we know the full outcome?*
- *Is there somewhere you sense God may be sending you right now?*

3. The Spirit Stops (Acts 16:6–7)

- Paul and his companions had plans for where they wanted to go, but the Holy Spirit prevented them from entering certain regions. Sometimes God's guidance comes through a closed door or a clear "no."

Discuss:

- *How do you typically respond when God closes a door you wanted to walk through?*
- *Why can a Spirit-led "no" be just as important as a Spirit-led "yes"?*



4. The Spirit Steers (*Acts 20:22–23; John 16:13*)

- Paul was constrained by the Spirit as he traveled toward Jerusalem, even though he knew hardship awaited him. The Spirit's leading doesn't always mean an easier path; it means being guided into God's purposes and truth.

Discuss:

- *What is the difference between asking God to bless our plans and allowing Him to direct our plans?*
- *Where do you currently need the Holy Spirit to give you clarity and direction?*

