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## Why Don't You Ask for the Holy Spirit?

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**  [Luke 11:1-13](#) & [John 14:15-17](#)

\*Record your observations, applications & questions from this scripture and today's message.

### QUESTION:

>>> *WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL YOU, LEAD YOU, & HELP YOU?*

### WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. He is our \_\_\_\_\_.

2. He is our \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He is \_\_\_\_\_!

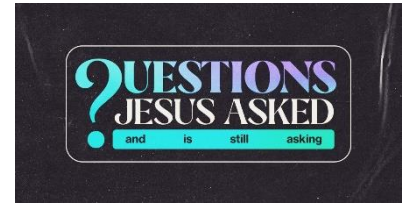
# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

**Series:** Questions Jesus Asked

**Message:** Why Don't You Ask for the Holy Spirit?

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## **Connect** (20min)

### **1. Fill 'Er Up**

- a. What is one physical/household or work item that you'd love to have a free refill of this week?  
(e.g. - a food item, a stationary item, tank of gas...)
- b. What is one physical/emotional/spiritual character or quality that you'd love to have refilled this week?  
(e.g. - physical energy, joy, peace, hope, love, laughter, friendship...)

### **2. OPEN UP:** Read [Romans 15:13](#).

Take a few moments to respond in prayer through praise & thanksgiving.

## **Message Discussion** (45min)


### **1. I WISH I HAD ASKED**

- a. What is something in your life you wish you had asked for but didn't, or wish you had asked for sooner?  
(a promotion, upgrade, help in some way, forgiveness...)
- b. Who is one person in your life journey that you wish you could have asked more questions of?  
(living or passed away)

### **2. MESSAGE FEEDBACK:**


- a. How did Sunday's Message encourage, challenge or inform you?
- b. What is your understanding of the *Holy Spirit*? If a 5<sup>th</sup> grader asked you who He is what would you say?
- c. Has your understanding of the *Holy Spirit* changed since listening to Sunday's message? How so?

### **3. THE QUESTION & CONTEXT:** *Why Don't You Ask for the Holy Spirit?*

 Read [Luke 11:1-13](#) & [John 14:15-17](#).

- a. These verses describe why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be among us and in us.  
The Holy Spirit is not an "it" or a "thing" or a "force" but a person.  
Have you ever thought of the holy Spirit as your friend? How does that change how you relate to him?
- b. Why is having the Holy Spirit active in our lives such an important part of our walk with Christ?  
Talk about some specific ways.
- c. How is having the Holy Spirit in us better than having Jesus on earth with us? Discuss.

#### 4. HOLY SPIRIT COME

- a. When was the last time you asked the Holy Spirit to fill you with His power and presence? (maybe never)
- b. How do you think your life would change if you asked God to fill you with His Holy Spirit every day?
- c.  **Read [Acts 1:4-5, 8](#)** - In this passage Jesus tells us that when the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, we not only experience **His presence**, but He also gives us **His power**.






We also learn how we experience **the fullness of God** in our hearts **through the power of the holy Spirit**.

- i. Describe a time when you were aware of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- ii. How has experiencing *the presence & power of the Holy Spirit* affected your relationship with Jesus?
- iii. What are some areas of your life that you need to ask for the Holy Spirit's help?
- iv. Today, will you begin to be more intentional about asking the Holy Spirit to fill you so that you can live a more victorious and fulfilling life?


### Application & Prayer (15min)

**\*CHALLENGE:** Spend some time this week seeking a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

- > Invite Him to counsel and comfort you through any struggles you may be facing, as well as, convict you of your sins.
- > Journal (write down) your prayers to Him.
- > Use the following **Prayer Guide** in your devotions this week to help you do this:

- o  **READ [John 14:16-17](#)**. *Thank God in prayer for the Holy Spirit.*  
*Seek to develop a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit by spending more time listening for His voice.*
- o  **READ [Acts 19:1-2](#) and [Acts 7:51](#)**. *Pray and ask God to help you become more aware of the Holy Spirit in your life and not to resist his direction and commands.*
- o  **READ [John 14:15-17](#)**. *Commit to obey when the Holy Spirit leads you.*  
*Ask Him to help you be more responsive to His voice.*
- o  **READ [John 16:13](#)**. *Pray about any situations that you need guidance from God.*  
*Ask for the Holy Spirit's counsel.*
- o  **READ [John 16:7-8](#)**. *Confess in prayer in any sin that is in your life.*  
*Let the Holy Spirit convict you and change you from the inside out.*

**\*PRAY:**

 **[Romans 15:13](#)** - *I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

- > In response to Sunday's Message and our discussion together how can we pray for you today?  
*Share & Pray for one another. "Holy Spirit come..."*