

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD - FEBRUARY 5, 2023

PRIMARY PASSAGES:

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, - Romans 8:15-16 (ESV)

11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. - 1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. - 1 Corinthians 2:10-13 (ESV)

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? - Psalm 139:7 (ESV)

2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. - Genesis 1:2 (ESV)

14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. - Hebrews 9:14 (ESV)

21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. - 2 Peter 1:21 (ESV)

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, - 2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. - Luke 1:35 (ESV)

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2 and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." - Acts 5:1-4 (ESV)

18 So the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. - Numbers 27:18 (ESV)



41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! - Luke 1:41-42 (ESV)

The Lord said to Moses, 2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. - Exodus 31:1-5 (ESV)

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

1. “You only really see what you know.”
2. The Holy Spirit is God.
 - His Attributes
 - He is Omniscient (all-knowing)
 - He is Omnipresent (all-present)
 - He is Omnipotent (all-powerful)
 - He is Eternal
 - His Activities
 - He Inspired Scripture
 - Active in Mary conceiving Christ
 - His Association with God.
3. The Holy Spirit empowered Old Testament God-followers for special service.
4. The good that has been, is, and will be done in this world is being accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit.
5. Today, your most intimate member of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe how you’ve thought of the Holy Spirit in the past.
2. What makes the Holy Spirit “mysterious” and what questions do you still have about the Holy Spirit?
3. In what way has the Holy Spirit comforted or empowered you?
4. How did the Holy Spirit draw you to Jesus?
5. What would our world be like if the Holy Spirit was taken away?
6. In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit work in your life or the life of others in a powerful way?
7. In what ways do you sense the Holy Spirit leading you to be more like Christ in the coming week?

God, thank you for the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gift that He is and for the power we have to be like Jesus through his presence in our lives. Help us to see Him throughout our day and to walk faithfully where he leads. - Amen.

