

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
October 25, 2015



Ghost Stories – Week #1

INTRODUCTION:

1. This week's topic of the Holy Spirit is one that probably hit nearly everyone differently. What has your experience been with the Holy Spirit before this week's talk? Was He over emphasized, under emphasized, or ignored in your experience?

DIVE IN:

1. How did this week's talk change your perspective on the Holy Spirit? What new characteristics or attributes of the Holy Spirit were revealed to you this week versus your previous understanding or experience?
2. Pastor Paul said that the Spirit isn't an object or a force, but a person. Have you ever thought about the Holy Spirit as a person before? How does this change the way that you interact with Him? How does seeing him as a force or an object cause us to interact with him inaccurately?
3. There are lots of passages of scripture that help us understand the Holy Spirit and help us see Him as a person, not an object. Paul referenced a few of them in his message, but there are many more in scripture. Read the passages below and talk about the characteristics and role of the Spirit as a person.

He has intellect... "No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit." - 1 Corinthians 2:11

He has emotion... "Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:30

He has a will... "It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have." - 1 Corinthians 12:11

4. As we look forward to the next 5 weeks of our new Ghost Stories series, what is the biggest fear, hope, or challenge that you are hoping to overcome as we learn about the Holy Spirit? Take the time to talk through these desires and expectations and spend some time together in praying for these things to wrap up your group. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to your group with clarity and truth as we seek to understand Him and experience Him.

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NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Additional Scriptures on Characteristics and Attributes of the Holy Spirit
 - Romans 8:27, Isaiah 63:10, Luke 10:21, 1 Thessalonians 1:6, John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:8, Romans 8:14, John 16:13, Acts 9:31, Romans 8:26, Romans 15:16
- Skim through the Book of Acts this week, watching for the Holy Spirit and reading passages where He is mentioned