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## The Spirit That Gives Life

**Acts 1:4** (Jesus) gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, (the Holy Spirit) which you have heard me speak about.

## The Spirit of God

- Genesis 2:7 ... the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and <u>BREATHED</u> into his nostrils the <u>BREATH</u> of life, and the man became a living being.
- 2. **John 20:22** And with that (Jesus) **BREATHED** on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."
  - Enphysao- to breathe or puff, infuse with (life)
- 3. **John 3:5** "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the **Spirit**.

# The Ministry of the Spirit (John 16)

- 1. <u>HELPER</u> or Advocate: *John 16:7* "Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."
  - Assurance that we are not abandoned but empowered.
- 2. <u>CONVICTS</u> the World: *John 16:8-11* "When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment."
  - Reveals truth, exposes falsehood, draws people toward repentance and faith.
- 3. **GUIDES into Truth:** *John 16:13* "When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth."
  - Leading believers step by step into a deeper understanding of God's Word and will.
- 4. <u>COMMUNICATES</u> the Will of the Father: *John 16:13* "He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."
  - Communicates the very heart and message of the Father and the Son.
- 5. **GLORIFIES** Christ: John 16:14 "He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you."
  - Draws believers to worship, obedience, and deeper intimacy with Christ.

#### **Reflect and Discuss**

- 1. What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you today? How should you respond?
- 2. In what ways have your understanding of the Holy Spirit been challenged or changed?
- 3. Discuss how you have encountered the Holy Spirit in your life.
- **4.** What are some of the fears or misconceptions you have held onto about the Holy Spirit? How have they changed?
- 5. Are you ready to ask God to allow you to experience ALL HE HAS FOR YOU?

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