

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

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Scriptures: Matthew 9:9-13; 6:19-34

Bottom Line: We can encounter the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God

Acts 5:3-4 - Ananias and Sapphira lie to God by lying to the Holy Spirit

John 14:17 - Jesus equalizes the presence of the Spirit to His own presence

The Holy Spirit is a Person

Galatians 5:17 - The Holy Spirit desires for us to do good

1 Corinthians 12:11 - The Spirit decides which gifts are given to each person

Isaiah 63:10 - The Holy Spirit can be grieved/hurt

Ephesians 4:30 - The Holy Spirit can feel sorrow

The Holy Spirit Sanctifies Believers

1 Corinthians 6:19 - The Holy Spirit lives in every believer

Romans 8:9-14 - The Holy Spirit works to make you like Jesus

The Holy Spirit Empowers Believers

Acts 1:8 - We will receive power when the Spirit comes upon us

1 Corinthians 12 - The Spirit gives us special abilities and gifts to serve others

Galatians 5 - The Spirit has the power to enable us to overcome our sinful nature

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share a time where they encountered the Holy Spirit.:

- Set the scene! What was going on in your life at the time?
- How did you encounter the Holy Spirit? Was it through a person? Scripture? A prompting?
- What was the message or feeling? What was the outcome? What did it mean to you?

Take some time to see if anyone encountered the Holy Spirit through the story. Did He use this story to teach or encourage someone? Convict someone?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. What does your relationship with the Holy Spirit look like right now? What would you like to change about that relationship?
3. Are there any fears, concerns, or worries you have about the Holy Spirit? If so, where do they come from?
4. How would you like to see the Holy Spirit move in your life? How could you partner with Him to see it happen?