



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF 3.17.2024 | THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WARM-UP QUESTION

What do you know about the Holy Spirit? What questions do you have?

DISCUSS

- Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read Acts 1:8 and 2:1-4

- Pentecost was the day where the Holy Spirit came to the Church and 3,000 believers joined the church. What else do you know about Pentecost and its significance for the church?
- What role did the Holy Spirit play in this event?
- Do you believe the Holy Spirit could still do that today? Why or why not?

Read John 16:5-11

- What themes do you see in the text?
- Jesus says in verse 6 that the disciples would grieve His words. Why would they grieve that Jesus was going away?
- Why do you think it was better for Jesus to go away? Why is it so important for the advocate to come?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit? What does this look like in your life? Have you ever experienced conviction of the Holy Spirit? What did that look like?
- When is a time you heard the Holy Spirit guiding you? How did you know it was the Holy Spirit?
- The word "spirit" in the Old Testament is translated "ruach," which means a violent exhalation - a blast of breath. The Holy Spirit is force. How does image of the Holy Spirit differ from how you've pictured Him? Why or why not?
- The Holy Spirit brings righteousness, conviction and judgement. What do these words mean in relation to our faith?
- How do you think the Holy Spirit brings righteousness, conviction, and judgment? Why is this so important?
- Who is "the ruler of this world" in verse 11? (read 2 Corinthians 4:4). What this verse mean for those of us who follow Jesus? What about for those who do not know Jesus?



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Read John 16:12-15

- What words or phrases stand out to you in the text? Why does it stand out to you? What is interesting about these words or phrases?
- Jesus says, "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now." What comfort does it give you that we weren't made to know everything? God didn't design us to be able to carry it all. How does that sit with you?
- The other side of that coin is that God sent us the Holy Spirit - our guide and advocate. How do you become more aware of the Holy Spirit in your life? What does it look like to grow in awareness of Him?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.