

Life Group Discussion Guide

Holy Spirit: God's Presence, Power, and Partnership

Ice Breaker

Share about a friendship or relationship that has significantly impacted your life. What made that person such an important influence?

Opening Scripture

John 14:16-18 (ESV)

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever... I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

Discussion Questions

1. Continuing the Work of Jesus

Read **John 14:12-14**. Jesus says that those who believe in Him will continue His work and even do "greater works." Jesus was referring to the expansion of God's kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit after Pentecost.

Questions

1. What stands out to you most in Jesus' statement about believers doing His works?
2. Why do you think many Christians struggle to see themselves as participants in God's mission?
3. What are some practical ways we can continue Jesus' work in our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities?
4. How does prayer play a role in accomplishing God's work through us?

Application

Where is God inviting you to join Him in His work this week?

2. The Holy Spirit Is a Person

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force but a divine Person who lives in believers and brings God's presence to us.

Read **John 14:16-20**.

Questions

1. What difference does it make to understand the Holy Spirit as a Person rather than simply a power?
2. Jesus promises that we will not be left as orphans. How does this truth encourage you?
3. Romans 8:15 says we have been adopted as God's children. How has your experience of God's fatherhood shaped your faith journey?
4. What does it mean to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Application

What is one practical way you can become more aware of the Holy Spirit's presence in your daily life?

3. What the Holy Spirit Does

The Holy Spirit:

- Gives new life (regeneration).
- Lives within believers.
- Produces God's character in us.
- Empowers us for God's mission.
- Teaches and reminds us of Jesus' words.
- Convicts us and guides us into truth.

Read **John 14:25-26**.

Questions

1. Which role of the Holy Spirit means the most to you right now and why?
2. Have you experienced a time when the Holy Spirit guided, comforted, taught, or convicted you?
3. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is our Helper, Advocate, Counsellor, and Comforter?
4. Why is spiritual empowerment meant for service rather than self-promotion?

Application

Are there areas of your life where you may be resisting, grieving, or ignoring the Holy Spirit's work?

4. The Ultimate Friend

The sermon describes the Holy Spirit as the "Ultimate Friend" who is always with us, always for us, and committed to completing God's work in us. [\[OAKHILL -...UGUST 2026 | PDF\]](#)

Read **Philippians 1:6**.

Questions

1. How does knowing that God finishes what He starts encourage you?
2. In what ways have you seen God working on you over time?
3. Why is it important to partner with the Holy Spirit instead of trying to live the Christian life in our own strength?

Application

What is one area where you need to trust the Holy Spirit more fully?

5. Receiving What the Holy Spirit Gives

Read **John 7:37-39**.

The sermon highlights five responses:

- Thirst
- Come to Jesus
- Drink
- Believe
- Overflow

Questions

1. What does spiritual thirst look like in a believer's life?
2. What might prevent someone from "coming and drinking" from Jesus?
3. How does faith position us to receive from God?
4. What does a life overflowing with the Holy Spirit look like practically?

Application

Which of these five responses do you need to focus on most right now: thirsting, coming, drinking, believing, or overflowing?

Group Challenge

This week, begin each day with a simple prayer:

"Good morning, Holy Spirit. Help me walk with You today. Lead me, teach me, empower me, and help me reflect Jesus wherever I go."

At the next Life Group meeting, share one way you noticed the Holy Spirit's guidance, comfort, conviction, or empowerment during the week.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You that You have not left us as orphans. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to live within us, guide us, comfort us, and empower us. Help us to know Him more deeply, walk closely with Him daily, and faithfully continue the work of Jesus. May rivers of living water flow from our lives for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.