



Join us in being
on mission with
God!

OUR VISION

To continually mature and grow as a united body of Jesus-imitators who live out God's greatest commandment to "Love" by exalting God and serving one another, and His greatest commission to "Go" by reaching into and shaping our local, regional, and global communities.

Core Values

Truth
Love
Community



"Your Personal Life Coach"

John 14:26

Getting Started

After an introductory time, discuss the following questions in your group or class.

- 1. Who is the best teacher or coach you have ever had or known? What made them so good?

Thinking about the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

- 2. The Holy Spirit's work is seen in three key areas: conviction of unbelievers, regenerating sinners and indwelling believers. How does the Holy Spirit's ministry of conviction occur in the lives of unbelievers?

- 3. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit "regenerates sinners"? Why is it important to equate Spirit-baptism with regeneration, and what is the significance? See John 3:5, 6:63; Titus 3:5; Colossians 2:12

John 14:26
*But the
Counselor, the
Holy Spirit,
whom the Father
will send in my
name, will teach
you all things
and will remind
you of
everything I have
said to you.*

4. In the Holy Spirit believers are “baptized into union with Christ.” What does “union with Christ” mean? Romans 6:1-7; Colossians 2:12;

5. One of the results of our union with Christ is that we are “adopted as heirs in the family of God.” Adoption has two important meanings: heirship (legal) and familial (relationship). Why are both of these truths important?

6. In the life of the believer, the Holy Spirit is at the heart of Christian growth, sanctification. He “indwells . . . guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.” So much of Christian growth today is considered in individual terms Why is it important to combine “Christ-like living and service”? The Holy Spirit who inspired the Scriptures also “illuminates” them. What important truth does this state when considering reading, interpreting and understanding the Bible?

7. In the past, has it been hard for you to think of the Holy Spirit as a person rather than simply as a presence or force? Do you think you have a consciousness of relating to the Holy Spirit as a person who is distinct from God the Father and God the Son? What might help you be more aware of this distinction among the members of the Trinity as they relate to you? See John 15:26,; 16:13

*Romans 5:6
You see, at just
the right time,
when we were still
powerless, Christ
died for the
ungodly.*



8. Do you perceive any difference in the way the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit relate to you in your Christian life? If so, can you explain what the difference is or how you are aware of it?

9. In your own experience, in what ways does the guidance of the Holy Spirit come to you? Is it primarily (or exclusively) through the words of Scripture? If so, are there times when certain Scripture passages seem to come alive or speak with great relevance and forcefulness to you at the moment? How do you know when this is happening? If the Holy Spirit's guidance has come to you in other ways in addition to speaking through the words of Scripture, what have those other ways been?

10. Do you have a sense from time to time of the pleasure or displeasure of the Holy Spirit at some course of action that you are taking? Is there anything in your life right now that is grieving the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:29-32)? What do you plan to do about it?

11. Did the Holy Spirit immediately leave Samson when he began to sin (see Judges 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14)? Why or why not? Is the presence of spiritual power in someone's ministry a guarantee that the Holy Spirit is pleased with all of that person's life?



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12. What are the ways the doctrine of the Holy Spirit is being undermined today?
What truths are important to emphasize? See 1 John 4:1; 1 Kings 22:22-23

13. What tests would you use to verify if someone's claim to be acting under the direction of the Spirit is true?
