

The Holy Spirit: Who Is He?

Goal: The goal of this study is to enable students to gain a better, more comprehensive Biblical understanding of who the Spirit is and the various ways He interacts with us.

Openers:

- When you think about the Holy Spirit, what comes to mind?
- In what ways listed have you experienced the Spirit before?

Scripture

- Break into 6 smaller groups (pairs or individuals) and assign each group four of the following passages.
- Ask each group to go through their passages and write down their responses to the following 3 observation/interpretation questions for each passage. *Give 10 minutes*
- After everyone is finished, have each group report out on their thoughts.
- Write everyone's findings down on butcher paper or a white board (*be sure to at least list the insights listed below along with the additional insights they generate*)

Genesis 1:1-2	<i>Present @ Creation, Had a role in Creation</i>
Exodus 31:1-5	<i>The source of creativity, wisdom, understanding, knowledge</i>
1 Chronicles 28:11-20 [NIV]	<i>Interacts with us in our thoughts, enables us to understand what God wants</i>
Nehemiah 9:30-31	<i>Warns us through people</i>
Job 33:4	<i>Creator – He made us and gives us breath</i>
Ezekiel 36:26-27	<i>Moves us to follow God's ways</i>
Joel 2:28-29	<i>Initiates prophecy, giver of dreams & visions</i>
Matthew 10:18-20	<i>Gives us words to say when we need them</i>
Luke 2:25-32	<i>Reveals unknown things to us, moves us to do things</i>
John 14:15-18	<i>Advocate, helper, with us, Truth, will be in us</i>
John 16:13-15	<i>Guides us into what is true</i>
Acts 1:8	<i>Powerful, enables us to witness</i>
Acts 2:4	<i>Enables us to speak in tongues</i>
Acts 10:19	<i>Speaks to us</i>
Acts 16:6	<i>Keeps us from going wrong ways</i>
Romans 5:5	<i>Pours God's love into our hearts</i>
Romans 8:15	<i>Brings about our adoption & enables us to cry out to the Father (and see Him as a Father)</i>
Romans 8:26-27	<i>Helps us in our weakness, intercedes for us</i>
1 Corinthians 2:12	<i>He is from God, helps us understand what God has given us</i>
1 Corinthians 6:11	<i>Washes, sanctifies, & justifies us</i>
1 Corinthians 12:1-11	<i>Giver and distributor of spiritual gifts</i>
2 Corinthians 3:18	<i>Transforms us into God's image</i>
Ephesians 2:18	<i>Gives us access to the Father</i>
Titus 3:4-6	<i>Renews us</i>

Observation:

- How is the Holy Spirit's nature or qualities described?
- How is the Holy Spirit's actions described?

Interpretation:

- What is this passage trying to say about who the Holy Spirit is, and/or what He does?

Application:

- What from what you heard tonight challenges how you previously thought about the Holy Spirit?
- What questions does this raise for you or do you still have about the Holy Spirit?
[be sure to write them down, it'd be great to share them with your Corefas or a pastor]
- What are ways as a Core that you think we can help each other continue to know and experience the Spirit?

Closing Activity:

- Get back into the groups and each share your answer to this question:
How would you personally like to better know and experience the Spirit this year?
- Wrap up by praying for each other about how each would like to experience the Spirit.