

Community Group Discussion Questions

“The Constant Voice”

Revelation 3:6

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Getting Started:

The role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a follower of Jesus is multifaceted and, when recognized, God becomes multidimensional.

If you grew up in a faith community, what did you learn about the Holy Spirit?

If you didn't grow up in a faith community, what have you heard about the Holy Spirit?

Going Deeper:

Role of the Holy Spirit: (Bestows Worth) For all who are led by the Spirit are sons of God...but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba” - Romans 8:15-16

He Saves You: “...born of the Spirit” - John 3:5
“...renewal of the Holy Spirit” - Titus 3:5

He Seals You: “...sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” - Ephesians 1:13

He Sanctifies You: “...sanctified by the Holy Spirit” - Romans 15:16

The Christian faith has believed and affirmed the idea of God as Trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) from the beginning. Yet, most Christians are clueless about all that the Holy Spirit does in our faith life from beginning to end. The verses above all show the Spirit's activity on our behalf. Which of the above actions (adoption, salvation, sealing, or sanctifying) do you understand the best? Share that with us. Which one is unclear to you?

Recognizing the Holy Spirit: (Bears Witness) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God - Romans 8:16

Clarifies Scripture: “He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” - John 14:26

Convicts of Sin: “...he will convict the world concerning sin” - John 16:8

Comforts in Sorrow: “He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever” - John 14:16

Confirms our Steps: “If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit...” - Galatians 5:25

Courage for Service: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you” - Acts 1:8

When you study the Bible, feel conviction over something you've done, are grieving, are walking in victory, or are letting God work through you, it is actually the Holy Spirit at work in you in all of these things! Think back over the last week or two. Where have you seen the Holy Spirit active in these areas in your life?

Result of the Holy Spirit: (Brings Wisdom) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. - Romans 8:26

Equips with Spiritual Gifts: “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit... All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who gives to each one individually as he wills.” - 1 Corinthians 12:4, 11 see Eph 4:12

What giftedness has the Holy Spirit given you? (It usually comes out when you see a need and you have an instinctive desire to do something about it.) What is your 'go-to' way of ministering to others?

Enables Spiritual Growth: “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” - Galatians 5:16

Every time you are tempted toward selfishness or giving in to your fleshly desires, pray ‘Holy Spirit, control me, fill me, lead me.’ Ask someone in your group to be your accountability partner for this as you start to practice this new habit in your life. Who will your partner be?

Response to the Holy Spirit: (Believe these Words) ...the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. - Romans 8:27

Do not Grieve (Insult): “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God”- Ephesians 4:30

Do not Quench (Ignore): “Don’t quench the Spirit” - 1 Thessalonians 5:19

The role of the Holy Spirit of God is to live a holy life in you, as you submit to and follow the leading of God. Choosing to ignore God’s voice, or insult God’s holiness by choosing sin causes grief to God and quenches any righteous thing He can do in you. The Holy Spirit prays on your behalf for the will of God to be done in your life, moment by moment. Think about your prayer life. If you only pray sporadically or once a day, how well aligned do you think you will be to God’s will for your life? What might need to change in how you pray?

Take Away: The Holy Spirit not only gives you understanding to live for Jesus, but also the unction to do it.

Prayer Requests: