

Series: *The Holy Spirit and You*, part 1

Message Summary: The Holy Spirit is part of what we call the Trinity. God the Father – God the Son – God the Holy Spirit – Three distinct personalities yet only one God. One God who manifests Himself in three distinct ways – three distinct roles. The Holy Spirit is God and He is our constant, ever present Advocate in this life. What is an advocate? God the Father sent the Holy Spirit into every follower's life so we have a continual companion to help us navigate this broken world. We are not alone! Let's embrace some of the mystery with today's teaching on the Holy Spirit.

Who is the Holy Spirit Really?

1. The Holy Spirit is the Third Member of the Godhead.

- A. **We see the Holy Spirit involved in the Creation account.** Genesis 1:1-2
- B. **The Holy Spirit is referred to as God by Peter.** Acts 5:3-4

2. The Holy Spirit is a person.

- **He can be lied to** – Acts 5:3-4
- **He can be resisted** – Acts 7:51
- **He can be grieved** – Ephesians 4:30
- **He can be insulted** – Hebrews 10:29
- **He can be followed** – Acts 13:1-4

3. The Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus.

- A. **You are a vessel of the Holy Spirit.** 1 Corinthians 6:19
- B. **The Holy Spirit is our constant companion.** John 14:16-17

4. The Holy Spirit is here to help you.

- A. **The Holy Spirit helps us overcome our weakness.** Romans 8:26
- B. **The Holy Spirit empowers us to live the qualities of God's Kingdom.** 2 Timothy 1:7

5. How to respond to the Holy Spirit.

- **Desire** – Desire to grow in your experience with the Holy Spirit.
- **Learn** – Embrace the posture of a learner.
- **Humility** – Humility is what it takes to be a learner.
- **Trust** – Let the Holy Spirit guide your life.

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT- (5min) Praise & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10min) What is your understanding of the Holy Spirit? Is this a topic that seems hard to understand? If you grew up around church, what were you taught about the Holy Spirit?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Read the following questions about Sunday's sermon and allow the group to share their notes and comments:

1. How does the Bible show that the Holy Spirit is God? Discuss the concept of the Trinity but embrace the mystery as well.
2. Discuss the five ways the Holy Spirit is treated like a person. Does this help you relate to Him better?
3. The Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus the moment we accept Jesus and His forgiveness. He now is our constant companion in this life. Discuss why this matters? Share how this has made a difference in your life?
4. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. Discuss how He does this. Share any personal experiences how the Holy Spirit has helped you?

APPLY IT- (15min) How are you responding to the Holy Spirit? Four ways were given. Discuss together why these responses are so important.