

**Series: *The Holy Spirit and You*, part 2**

**Message Summary:** The Holy Spirit wants to guide our lives through the minefield of this thing called life. In order to do this, we must allow Him to correct the direction of our life when we are off course. How He does this is called "conviction". To not understand this unique role is like turning off the GPS on your phone. The Holy Spirit in you is God's Positioning System. The only way we can be in the right place is by allowing the Holy Spirit to position our lives. Today I want to share with you how to listen and follow the Holy Spirit's conviction.

## **The Holy Spirit's Convicting Role**

### **1. The Holy Spirit convicts to lead people to Jesus. John 16:8-11**

- A. He will convict the world of its sin.**
- B. He will convict the world of God's righteousness.**
- C. He will convict the world of coming judgment.**

### **2. The Holy Spirit convicts to lead people in life change. 1 Peter 1:2**

- A. Sin makes you miserable as a follower of Jesus. Psalm 32:3-4**
- B. Our response is to confess and follow again. Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9**
- C. Resisting the Holy Spirit can damage our ability to listen and follow. Hebrews 3:12-13**

### **3. How do we stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit's convicting work?**

- A. A commitment to obedience. Ephesians 4:30**
- B. A willingness to surrender. Galatians 5:16**
- C. A habit of daily confession. 1 John 1:9**

## **LifeGroup QUESTIONS:**

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

**OPEN IT-** (10min) When you hear about the convicting role of the Holy Spirit, does this create negative thoughts and emotions or positive? Why?

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

1. Discuss the Holy Spirit's three roles in this world Jesus described in John 16. Why is this role so important?
2. The Holy Spirit helps us grow becoming more like Jesus. If this is true, why do we often feel miserable after we sin? Discuss Psalm 32:3-4. Have you ever experienced this?
3. How is confessing our sin part of the sanctifying work of the Spirit?
4. Discuss the danger of resisting the Holy Spirit. What does resisting the Holy Spirit look like?

**APPLY IT-** (15min) Discuss the three ways we can stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit's convicting work and how you will apply this to your life.