

Group Discussion Guide

Summer @ One Life
"Knowing the Holy Spirit"

- Pastor Jared made a strong point that the Holy Spirit is a person, not a force or a mysterious cosmic energy. Why does it matter whether we see the Holy Spirit as a person versus a force, and how might that change the way we relate to Him?
 - In your own spiritual life, have you tended to think of the Holy Spirit more like a force or a person? What would it look like practically to begin treating your relationship with the Holy Spirit as a real, personal friendship?
- Pastor Jared used a funny story about a decorative comforter on his bed that was 'for looks only' and never actually used. In what ways might Christians treat the Holy Spirit like that — acknowledging He exists but never actually engaging with Him in daily life?
 - Are there areas of your life where you tend to handle things on your own rather than inviting the Holy Spirit in? What would it look like to actively involve Him in those situations this week?
- Pastor Jared described how the Holy Spirit reveals God's Word in a personal and powerful way — those 'aha moments' where a passage of Scripture suddenly comes alive. Have you ever experienced a moment like that? What was it like?
 - What habits or distractions might be getting in the way of you experiencing those fresh moments of revelation from the Holy Spirit? What is one small change you could make to your daily routine to create more space for that?
- Pastor Jared talked about the pressure many of us feel when trying to share our faith or help someone going through a hard time — feeling inadequate, afraid of saying the wrong thing, or just being at a loss for words. How does understanding the Holy Spirit's role change how we approach those conversations?
 - Think of a relationship in your life where someone might need to hear about Jesus or simply needs encouragement. How might you approach

that conversation differently if you truly believed the Holy Spirit was working through you while you spoke?

- In Acts 4:13, people were amazed at the boldness of Peter and John — ordinary, uneducated men — and the only explanation was the Holy Spirit working through them. What does this tell us about what God can do through someone who is humble and available, even if they don't feel qualified?
 - Do you ever hold back from stepping out in faith because you feel unqualified or unprepared? How does the example of Peter and John — and the promise of Acts 1:8 that 'you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you' — speak into that fear?