



The Holy Spirit Various Verses

*These questions are provided to lead the group in **applying** the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.*

1. How is **Taste & See** going? Share how you have engaged October's spiritual practice of slowing. In what ways does slowing help you experience God and be formed by him?
2. Read: John 14:16–17. What does this teach us about the personhood of the Holy Spirit? In what ways are we tempted to treat God's Spirit as a tool for our own goals rather than a Person to know and walk with?
3. Read: John 14:17. How does knowing that the Holy Spirit is set apart to be with you, and in you, bring comfort during times when you feel misunderstood?
4. Read: 2 Corinthians 3:17. Paul writes that "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." What is one practical area (such as anxiety, negative thought cycles, or a recurring struggle) where you need to rely on the Holy Spirit's power to experience freedom this week?
5. Read: John 16:7–11. Share a recent time when you felt a quiet "nudge" of conviction from the Holy Spirit. How did you respond? What is the difference between a healthy conviction from the Spirit, and a voice of self-condemnation? How have you been able to discern between the Spirit's voice and your own?
6. Read: John 14:26. Jesus introduces the Holy Spirit as our Advocate (Parakletos), meaning "one called to one's side" to strengthen, defend, and help. How have you experienced the Spirit encouraging you or speaking through others during a difficult season?
7. Read: Galatians 5:16, 22–24. Pursuing self-centered desires and ambitions cuts off the source of spiritual life (The Holy Spirit's work). Conversely, letting the Spirit lead you yields traits (Fruit) that bring life to you and to those around you - like love, patience, and gentleness. Which specific fruit of the Spirit do you feel God is growing in your life right now? Which do you want to grow in more? How can the group support you in taking a step in the right direction?
8. Read: 1 Corinthians 13:12 & Deuteronomy 29:29. Christians have debated aspects about the Holy Spirit, and divisions have arisen from such debates. After reading the verses, why do you think we must practice grace and humility when holding different theological views? How can our group model grace and unity when discussing areas where we don't see eye to eye?
9. What does it practically look like for you to invite the Holy Spirit into your daily worship and obedience?
10. Read: 2 Timothy 3:16 & 2 Peter 1:21. The same Spirit who carried along (spoke through and guided) the biblical prophets speaks to us every time we open the Scriptures. What is one habit you have, or can form to open God's Word more consistently and allow the Holy Spirit to guide your mind and decisions?
11. How can this group pray this week for our church, you, and your spiritual discipline?

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one essence with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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