

EMPOWERED BY

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ice Breaker: What's a song that almost immediately improves your mood?

Read: 2 Timothy 1:3–7, 4:7, 1 Timothy 6:12; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 12:27–31, 13:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:19, Ephesians 4:30

Discussion Questions:

- The Holy Spirit Comes Alongside You
 - What is the meaning of “The Paraclete”?
 - Can you recall a season when you felt you were walking alone or going through a challenging time?
 - When you hear the description of the Holy Spirit as One who comes alongside, how does that shape your understanding of God’s nearness?
 - What practices help you stay aware of the Holy Spirit’s presence in daily life?
- The Holy Spirit Lives in You and Empowers You (2 Timothy 1:3–7, 4:7, 1 Timothy 6:12)
 - Paul talks about faith being passed down — how has faith been modeled for you, and when did it become personal?
 - What do you think it means practically to “fan into flame the gift of God”?
 - Which aspect of the Spirit’s work do you most need right now: power, love, or self-discipline? Why?
 - What does “finishing strong in faith” look like in your current season of life? Where do you sense God calling you to greater boldness rather than fear?
 - How does knowing the Spirit strengthens you (and not just comforts you) help you approach challenges and face anxiety, weakness, or uncertainty?
- The Holy Spirit Works Through You (2 Timothy 1:6–7, 1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 12:27–31, 1 Thessalonians 5:19, Ephesians 4:30)
 - What spiritual gifts do you recognize or sense God may have placed in you?
 - Why do you think God designed spiritual gifts to be different, yet unified by the same Spirit?
 - How have you personally benefited from someone else using their spiritual gifts?
 - What might it look like today to quench, grieve, or resist the Holy Spirit...and how can we guard against that?
 - In what ways are you currently allowing what God put in you to flow out of you to bless others?
 - Where do you feel God inviting you to take a step of faith in using your gifts more fully?
- Closing Thoughts (1 Corinthians 13:13)
 - Why do you think Paul emphasizes love over all gifts and abilities?
 - In what ways can spiritual gifts be misused if they are not rooted in love?
 - How can you apply what you’ve learned from this study and love well this week?

