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# THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Ice Breaker:** When was the first moment you realized, “I really have to be an adult now”?

**Read:** Acts 10:1-48; Luke 15:4

## Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
  - In what ways does spiritual maturity resemble “adulthood” in everyday life?
  - Why do you think God cares not only about our salvation, but our ongoing development?
  - Who has God placed in your life to help you grow spiritually?
- Big Question: Will We Allow the Holy Spirit to Keep Working on Us?
- The Holy Spirit Challenges What We’re Comfortable With (Acts 10:9–18)
  - What does Acts 10 reveal about Peter’s spiritual journey after Pentecost?
  - How does God challenge Peter? Why do you think God continues to reshape Peter instead of replacing him?
  - How do we discern whether discomfort is from the Holy Spirit or from fear? How can discomfort often be a sign that growth is happening?
  - What have you become comfortable with that you may “no longer need” the Holy Spirit in? What happens when we resist allowing God to challenge our comfort zones?
- The Holy Spirit Leads Beyond Ourselves (Acts 10:19–33)
  - What stands out to you about Peter’s obedience once the Spirit speaks?
  - How does listening to the Holy Spirit require both humility and courage?
  - What social boundaries or categories exist today that mirror those between Jews and Gentiles?
  - How can unconscious bias limit what God wants to do through us?
  - What might it look like for God to lead our church beyond familiar circles?
- The Holy Spirit Points Us Toward People (Acts 10:34–43)
  - Why is Peter’s realization that “God shows no favoritism” so significant?
  - How does this passage connect the work of Jesus with the work of the Holy Spirit?
  - How did Peter’s obedience create space for others to encounter the Holy Spirit?
- Final Thought: The Holy Spirit Leads Us to the One (Acts 10:44–48; Luke 15:4)
  - What do these verses reveal about God’s heart for individuals?
  - Why is it sometimes easier to talk about groups than to pursue the one?
  - Who might be the one God is placing on your heart right now? How will you connect with them this week?

