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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
  - What good is being an influencer if God hasn't influenced you?
  - In what ways does spiritual maturity resemble “adulting” in everyday life?
  - Why do you think God cares not only about our salvation, but our ongoing development/formation?
- Big Question: Will We Allow the Holy Spirit to Keep Working on Us?
- The Holy Spirit Challenges our Comfort Zones (Acts 10:1-8)
  - What can we learn about Cornelius in Acts 10?
  - What happens when we resist allowing God to challenge our comfort zones?
  - 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?
- The Holy Spirit Sends Us Places We Wouldn't Go on Our Own (Acts 10:9-17)
  - What's the difference between how Peter replies to God in vv.13-16 vs. how Cornelius responds to the angel of God in vv.1-8?
  - How does God challenge Peter? Why do you think God continues to reshape Peter instead of replacing him?
  - Pastor O mentioned that "The same Spirit that comforts you is the same Spirit that confronts you." How is this confrontation ultimately meant not to break you, but to build you?
- The Holy Spirit Points Us to People to Point Them to Christ (Acts 10:19-45)
  - 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?
  - Why is Peter's realization that “God shows no favoritism” so significant? What might it look like for God to lead our church beyond familiar circles?
  - 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?
- Closing Thought
  - What have you become comfortable with that you may "no longer need" the Holy Spirit in? Where does the Holy Spirit need to work in you this week?

