



## LEADER NOTES

**Important:** Start group time going over the guidelines, even if you think you know them all. Define them.

• **Keep assurance clear.** The Spirit's seal reminds believers that they belong to God and are secure in Him. Help your group rest in the truth that they are not living on probation with God.

• **Keep the future in view.** The Holy Spirit is God's guarantee that what He has promised is still coming. Bring the conversation back to hope, inheritance, and living with an eternal mindset.

• **Make unity and conduct practical.** Ephesians 4 shows that grieving the Spirit is tied to how we treat one another. Help people connect their words, attitudes, and actions to life in the church.

• **Push toward honest reflection.** Ask where people are tempted to live insecure, self protective, or flesh driven lives. Challenge them to name one area where they need to honor the Spirit more fully.

• **End with guidance and response.** The Spirit's presence is both comfort and calling. Encourage the group to walk in assurance, guard unity, and live like they truly belong to God.

- Share & record prayer request.
- Ask a volunteer to close in prayer.
- Follow up throughout the week.
- PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE.

Fall Small Groups will kick off on August 16, with curriculum resuming on August 23.



Monday, June 1 at 6:30 pm  
Men's Game Night at The Hub



Women's Summer Bible Study  
Wednesdays 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
June 3 - July 22  
Church - Office Building  
Connections Room

## TARGET

**Topic:** Security, Unity, and Hope in the Spirit

**Take Away:** The Holy Spirit seals you as God's own, assures you of what is to come, and calls you to live in a way that honors Him now.

**God Stories:** A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

**Ice Breaker Question:** What is something in your life that gives you a real sense of security or confidence?

**This Week's Passage:** *Ephesians 1:13-14 and Ephesians 4:30*

**Share background:** *The early Christian church was rapidly expanding within the Roman Empire. Ephesus was a major city known for its prominent temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world center. The early Christians were navigating the challenge of living out their faith amid pagan practices and competing religious ideas. Ephesus thrived as a commercial hub, with trade routes passing through, influencing the social makeup of the church, which included both wealthy citizens and slaves. The Pax Romana provided relative peace, but the presence of Roman authority underscored the tension between allegiance to the empire and commitment to Christ. The Ephesian church comprised a diverse group of Jewish and Gentile converts learning to live in unity and holiness, which Paul addresses in his letter to encourage spiritual maturity.*

**Tell the story. Rebuild the story. Read the story from God's Word.**

**Head Question:** *According to Ephesians 1:13 to 14 and Ephesians 4:30, what does the Spirit's seal tell us about our identity, our inheritance, and the kind of life that fits those who belong to God?*

**Heart Question:** *Where are you most tempted to live like you still have to prove yourself, protect yourself, or secure your own future instead of resting in the Spirit's assurance?*

**Hands Question:** *What is one relationship, attitude, or pattern of speech you need to change so that your life reflects the security of belonging to God and does not grieve the Holy Spirit?*