



## How the Holy Spirit Operates in My Life

We started our journey by understanding **God the Father** as the only true and living God, the Creator of all things, and the one who brings order and purpose out of chaos. Then, we learned about **Jesus Christ, the Son of God** whose sinless life and obedience to the Father made it possible to atone for our sins, He was raised from the dead and gives new spiritual life to all who believe in Him, and will physically return to complete God's plan of renewal and restoration. In this session, we explore **the Holy Spirit**, third person of the Trinity, to understand how the Spirit is living and active in our daily life and followers of Jesus.

**You can use the back side of this paper to redraw the "circles" diagram that Pastor Scott shares in the video as a reference**

### The Spirit Abiding in Me!

Pastor Tim recently encouraged us in his sermon to "abide in Christ", and reminded us of Jesus' promise that "if we abide in Him, He abides in us" - John 15:4-5.

- **Group discussion:** Share how the illustration of the envelopes in the video helps to illustrate how we can abide in Christ as He abides in us.

### The Person and work of the Holy Spirit:

- **1. The Holy Spirit has been at work since Creation:**
  - **Read Genesis 1:1-2** - The Spirit of God is active in the work of Creation
  - **Read Luke 1:34-35** - The same Spirit is present in the Incarnation of Jesus
    - **IMPORTANT:** The physical body of Jesus was created in Mary's womb, but the Spirit within Him was the same Spirit of God that existed before Creation with the Father so that Jesus was both fully human and fully God.
  - **Group discussion:** God is relational. What do you notice about the interconnectedness and relationship between Father, Son, and Spirit? As believers, we've been welcomed into that relationship with Father, Son, and Spirit - share how that makes you feel! (safe, peaceful, loved, etc.)
- **2. The Holy Spirit was given at Pentecost, a Covenant Renewal Service:**
  - **Acts 2:1-3** - The release of the Spirit from God's House (the Jerusalem Temple) into the hearts of the believers in Jesus.
- **3. The Release of the Spirit at Pentecost fulfills Old Testament prophecies**
  - **Jeremiah 31:31-34 & Ezekiel 36:22-28** - God's Law written on our hearts
  - **Genesis 11** - The reversal of the confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel.
- **4. The Holy Spirit activates Jesus' presence in me**
  - **In Your Group, Read: Acts 1:4-8, Colossians 1:11-14, John 14:19-20**
  - **Group Discussion:** Jesus tells His disciples to wait for the Spirit. Why do you think they needed the Spirit to live out what He asked them to do? How does this command still apply to us today
- **5. God is now Alive in Me!**
  - **In Your Group, Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
  - **Group Discussion:** Paul describes us as part of the New Creation and made righteous because of the Spirit's life in us. How does this truth in this passage make a difference in your daily walk with Jesus?

## EN-CORE

### JOURNEY

SCRIPTURE • BELIEFS • PRACTICES

## Spiritual Health in Practice

Share with your group a time when you felt the Holy Spirit's presence. What practices help you experience the presence of God's Spirit in meaningful ways?

## Close with Prayer for One Another

Pray for one another to receive the Holy Spirit in powerful new ways, even as the Spirit was released into the spirits of the disciples of Jesus at Pentecost, and enabled them to live out the order and purposes of God's Kingdom!