THE HOLY SPIRIT

Understanding His Person,
His Presence and His Power

GROUP CURRICULUM

SERMON	DATE
WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? (VARIOUS SCRIPTURES)	**JANUARY 15, 2017**

1. Why do you think some Christians would resist in-depth teaching on the Holy Spirit?

2. Below are four reasons why a series on the Holy Spirit is so necessary for our church:

   - Because doctrine is beautiful, and it lifts our hearts to see the big picture and see the Bible in one unit.
   - Because doctrine is powerful and it will stir our love and awe for God.
   - Because the Holy Spirit is often neglected or misapplied with the church.
   - Because neglect or abuse of the Holy Spirit will always end up with a weak spiritual life.

   Which of the above are you personally most excited to see change or grow in your life?

3. What would it look like to attend a church that believes strongly in "Father, Son and HOLY BIBLE"? What would it look like to attend a church where the Holy Spirit is misapplied and is the only focus of the church? Have you attended a church, or been raised in either of these kinds of backgrounds?

4. In the past, has it been hard for you to think of the Holy Spirit as a person rather than simply as a presence or force? To what passage would you take a new believer in order to describe the personhood of the Holy Spirit?

5. In the passages below, describe what quality the Holy Spirit is credited with having that only God possesses:

   - Hebrews 9:14 _____
   - Psalm 139:7-10 _____
   - 1 Corinthians 2:10-1 _____
   - Romans 1:4 _____
   - Luke 1:35-37 _____

6. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. If it's true that for a believer in the Lord Jesus, our closest companion is to be the Holy Spirit, how could that reality change your day-to-day life?

7. Meditate on Luke 11:13 as well as the quote by JC Ryle below. On this page or elsewhere, write down a prayer inviting a renewed filling of the Holy Spirit in your life, that God be glorified in you and through you. If you feel comfortable to do so, share this with your group.

   > *"Finally, pray daily for a great outpouring of the Spirit on the Church and on the world. This is the grand need of the day—it is the thing that we need far more than money, machinery, and men. The "company of preachers" in Christendom is far greater than it was in the days of Paul; but the actual spiritual work done in the earth, in proportion to the means used, is undoubtedly far less. We need more of the presence of the Holy Spirit—more in the pulpit, and more in the congregation—more in the pastoral visit, and more in the school. Where He is, there will be life, health, growth, and fruitfulness. Where He is not—all will be dead, tame, formal, sleepy, and cold. Then let everyone who desires to see an increase of pure and undefiled religion, pray daily for more of the presence of the Holy Spirit in every branch of the visible Church of Christ."*
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   > JC RYLE

8. Consider John 16:13-14 and explain the following truth as though you were speaking to a 6-year old child.

   TRUTH: The greatest work that the Holy Spirit is ready to do within me is to see us used for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.