

Knowing the Spirit
(About the Holy Spirit Series)
Tired of McDoctrine? Come learn the etiquette of a meal with Jesus.

Group Introduction & Icebreaker (*What is your name and your favorite soda?*)

Start on time. Distribute the Bible study materials and Bibles. After the icebreaker, begin with prayer.

Southeast Christian Church – Core Belief

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He lives in every Christ Follower from the moment of Salvation. He gives us the ability to live in a way that we could never live on our own.

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2 Peter 3:8 “...with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” (ESV) – (God is not bound by time/ The Spirit existed before Acts 2)

Exodus 31:1-5 vs3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all kinds of workmanship, (WEB) – (The Spirit was at work in the OT)

John 16:7 “it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.” (ESV) (Why is it to our advantage?)

1 Thes 5:19 Do not subdue, or be unresponsive to the working and guidance of] the [Holy] Spirit (Amplified) (Work with the Spirit)

Read John 16: 1-15

Application

Work WITH the Spirit. Get to know the Spirit

Is God's Word the authority over my beliefs, my life, and my heart? (*Answer yes or no to each*)

Orthodoxy/Believe: The Holy Spirit is God, eternal and active throughout Scripture.

Orthopraxy/Live: Work with the Holy Spirit by responding to His guidance rather than resisting Him.

Orthopathy/Desire: Desire to know the Holy Spirit more deeply and be continually filled by Him.

Summary

“The perfect relationship with the Spirit is a rare thing. You could spend your life being filled by Him, and it would not be a wasted life.”

Review Question: *Why do we want to get to know the Holy Spirit?*

Closing Prayer *Lord, the church was not built on talent, help us to be in relationship...*

Another Helper - You Are Not Alone

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Read John 14 Suggested sections (14:1–7 *Jesus Is the Way*, John 14:8–14 *Jesus Reveals the Father*, John 14:15–24 *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*, John 14:25–31 *The Spirit Teaches and Gives Peace*)

John 14:16-17 I will pray to the Father, and he will give you **another** Counselor, that he may be with you forever: the Spirit of truth, **whom the world can't receive**, for it doesn't see him and doesn't know him. You know him, for he lives with you and **will be in you**. (WEB)

Application Trust Jesus, listen to the Spirit, and live in His peace.

Is God's Word the authority over my beliefs, my life, and my heart? (*Answer yes or no to each*)

Orthodoxy/Believe: The Father sends the Holy Spirit to live with and within believers.

Orthopraxy/Live: Listen and respond to the Spirit as He teaches and reminds us of Jesus' words.

Orthopathy/Desire: Desire a closer relationship with God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Summary We are not left alone; God's Spirit lives with us and in us.

(repeat) “The perfect relationship with the Spirit is a rare thing. You could spend your life being filled by Him, and it would not be a wasted life.”

Review Question: *What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for His followers?*

Closing Prayer Lord, thank You for not leaving us alone. Help us know Your Spirit, listen to His guidance, and live in the peace You give...

Seal of Salvation

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John 16:7 *Know the Holy Spirit* – (*Foundations Holy Spirit Lesson 01*)

“it is to your advantage that ...the Helper will not come to you.” (ESV)

John 14:16-17 *You Are Not Alone* – (*Foundations Holy Spirit Lesson 02*)

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Ephesians 4:30 *Seal of Salvation* – (*Foundations Holy Spirit Lesson 03*)

“do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (NIV)

Matthew 12:31–32 ...blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven ...whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in that which is to come. (WEB)

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit seals us until the day of redemption?

What does it mean to grieve the Holy Spirit?

What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is an advantage because He is the seal of our salvation. We are to be in relationship with the Spirit, work with the Spirit, and listen to the Spirit. We are not to grieve, blaspheme, or break relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Application Build a relationship with the Holy Spirit. Listen, respond, and work with Him.

Is God's Word the authority over my beliefs, my life, and my heart? (*Answer yes or no to each*)

Orthodoxy/Believe: The Holy Spirit is God, lives within believers, and seals us for redemption.

Orthopraxy/Live: Listen and respond to the Holy Spirit without grieving or resisting Him.

Orthopathy/Desire: Desire a growing relationship with the Holy Spirit and His work in your life.

Summary The Spirit is not simply something we receive; He is someone we live in relationship with.

(repeat) “The perfect relationship with the Spirit is a rare thing. You could spend your life being filled by Him, and it would not be a wasted life.”

Review Question: *Why did Jesus say the Holy Spirit is to our advantage?*

Closing Prayer *Lord, thank You for the gift of Your Spirit. Help us know Him, listen to Him, work with Him, and never take His presence in our lives for granted...*