

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GETTING TO KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT
The Gospel of John — Week 30

ICEBREAKER: What are you thankful for today?

OVERVIEW: The Christian life is hard. In fact, it is impossible. We are expected to love God wholeheartedly, love our neighbor selflessly, evangelize fearlessly, give hilariously, and live obediently. The only way to live this way is through the supernatural power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. In this study we will go deeper with the ministry of the Holy Spirit and how to tap into His power for living.

1. **Read John 7:37-39.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Who is the Holy Spirit?
3. How does the Holy Spirit compare to "streams of living water"?
4. What are some of the ways the Holy Spirit wants to work in your life?

5. Read Ephesians 5:18. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and how do we obey this command?
6. Read Ephesians 4:29-32. What does it mean to "grieve God's Holy Spirit"? What are some ways that we grieve the Spirit of God? Why is it essential that we do not grieve the Spirit?
7. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19. What does it mean to quench the Spirit? What are some ways that we can quench the Spirit?
8. Read Ephesians 5:18-21. What are the marks of a Spirit-filled believer?
9. What are some common misunderstandings about the Holy Spirit that you would want new believers know?

The Last Word: "What lies behind us, and what lies before us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." Ralph Waldo Emerson