

# Life Group Lesson

## “Who Is The Holy Spirit?”

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#### ILLUSTRATION

*Speaking to a large audience, D.L. Moody held up a glass and asked, "How can I get the air out of this glass?" One man shouted, "Suck it out with a pump!" Moody replied, "That would create a vacuum and shatter the glass." After numerous other suggestions Moody smiled, picked up a pitcher of water, and filled the glass. "There," he said, "all the air is now removed." He then went on to explain that victory in the Christian life is not accomplished by "sucking out a sin here and there," but by being filled with the Holy Spirit.*

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#### QUESTIONS (Pick the ones that will bring about the best discussion in your group)

1. In 2 Corinthians 13:14, Paul wants us to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (This verse also shows us the Trinity). What does the fellowship from the Holy Spirit bring to your life?
  2. We get to know the deep things of God through the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10). According to this verse, how do we stay close to God? How important is it to allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life?
  3. Can you list some of the names the Bible calls the Holy Spirit? (i.e. Isaiah 11:2; John 14:16; 26)
  4. Read Romans 8:27. How does the Spirit intercede for people? How important is this?
  5. Is the Holy Spirit equal with God and Jesus? (Matthew 28:18-20)
  6. Read John 14:16-18. How long will the Spirit be with us (Believers)? Where does He reside?
  7. How does the Holy Spirit empower you? (Acts 1:8; Romans 15:18-19) Is being His witness the biggest task the Holy Spirit gives us?
  8. Luke 10:21 says Jesus was full of joy given by the Holy Spirit. Do you need the joy of the Holy Spirit in your life? How do you get it?
  9. Who convicts of sin according to John 16:8?
  10. How does the Holy Spirit bring comfort? (John 14:16)
  11. 1 Thessalonians 5:19 says we can quench the Spirit. How do we do this? (Acts 7:51 may help)
  12. How can our small group experience the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit on a higher level?
  13. How can you do this personally?
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#### GROUP LEADER “CHEAT SHEET” ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

Here is some help on describing the attributes and nature of the Holy Spirit.

#### Symbols of the Holy Spirit include:

Wind and breath (Genesis 1:2; John 3:8; John 20:22; Acts 2:2), water (John 4:10, 15; John 7:37–39), fire (Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16; Acts 2:3), oil/anointing (Exodus 29:7; Acts 10:38; 1 John 2:20, 27), a seal (Ephesians 1:13–14; Ephesians 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22), and a dove (Luke 3:22).

#### Gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed in the following scriptures:

1 Corinthians 12:8–10, 28; Ephesians 4:11; Romans 12:6–8; 1 Corinthians 7:7; 1 Peter 4:11

The Fruit of the Spirit is listed in Galatians 5:22-23.