

The Holy Spirit | Week 4

The Holy Spirit is not a vague force or a distant idea; He is God's presence in the world today. When we believe in Jesus, we are marked with a seal—the promised Holy Spirit. In the ancient world, a seal represented ownership, authority, and security. To believe in the Holy Spirit is to recognize that we belong to God, we live under His authority, and our future is secure in Him. We know what we believe, and if we really believe it, it changes the way we live. To believe is to trust, and to trust is to obey.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- When you think of the Holy Spirit, what is the first image or word that comes to mind?
- Have you ever had a moment where you felt God's presence in a very real or tangible way?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (10 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [John 14:26](#).
- You can read along with the Apostles' Creed on the screen, or you can download it [HERE](#).

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Starter Question from the Video:

1. Is there a step of obedience you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to take?

Scripture Observation:

Read [Acts 2:1-4](#) and [Ephesians 1:13-14](#).

2. When are we "marked in him with a seal?" What is that seal?
3. What does the word "deposit" imply about our future inheritance?

Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:

4. In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit came "suddenly" and enabled the believers to do what they couldn't do on their own. How does the Holy Spirit empower the Church today to carry out God's mission?

5. Read [John 14:15-17](#). Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "another Advocate" and the "Spirit of truth." How does the Spirit help us "keep His commands" as mentioned in verse 15?

Personal Application:

6. If the Holy Spirit represents God's Ownership of your life, is there any area where you are still trying to "own" the rights or make the final call?

7. How can you practice being more aware of the Holy Spirit's presence as your "Advocate" throughout your week?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your time in prayer. You can use your own words or these words:

Jesus, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. Holy Spirit, I agree to walk in step with You in everything as my spirit communicates with You in prayer throughout my day.

For Further Exploration

- We will learn more about the Holy Spirit in our upcoming Rooted groups. If you have never taken Rooted, this is your next step!
 - Rooted starts the week of September 21 at all locations
 - Register at rooted.sv.cc.
- Explore the topic of the Holy Spirit in these Bible Project resources:
 - [Holy Spirit video](#)
 - [Holy Spirit Guide](#)
- Continue to work on memorizing [the Apostles' Creed](#).
- Follow along with the **Daily Reading Plan in the SV app** for daily bible study related to the weekend message. (*Find it on the Media Feed page at the top*)