



Part One: Who Is The Holy Spirit? // Jeff Brodie // November 7, 2021

"In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." You've probably heard this phrase to describe God as some part of a ceremony or service. You know what a father and a son are, but what is a "Holy Spirit"? How do you even relate to God as a "Spirit"? Is it a transcendent encounter, an emotion you feel, or a weird ghost or aura?

Like many people, you might find the Holy Spirit to be a bit of a mystery; however, scripture teaches that the Spirit can be the source of power in your life, an opportunity to experience God and even live supernaturally. But many of us don't live that way. So where do you even start?

Scripture: [Genesis 1:1-2](#), [Joel 2:28-29](#), [Matthew 3:16-17](#), [John 7:37-39](#), [John 14:25-26](#), [John 4:10, 14-15a](#), [Acts 2:38](#)

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit is a person and wants a relationship with you.

Getting Started:

1. When you think of the words "Holy Spirit," what comes into your mind? Have you always thought that way?
2. What experience have you had that has shaped your ideas about the Holy Spirit?

Jumping In:

3. Jeff talked about the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). How have you pictured the Trinity in your mind? What do you find to be a mystery about the Trinity?
4. Jeff talked about some of the fear or discomfort some people can have when it comes to discovering more about the Holy Spirit. What about the Holy Spirit makes you a bit uncertain?
5. Often Christians can relegate the Holy Spirit as a "bonus" or "extra" to the rest of the Trinity. Why do you think that is?

Discuss:

6. Read Genesis 1:1-2. What surprised you about this passage? What stood out to you?
7. Read Joel 2:28-29, Matthew 3:16-17, and John 7:37-39. These passages outline the promise that the Holy Spirit would one day be accessible and present with each one of us. Have you ever considered that the Holy Spirit is present with you now?
8. Read John 14:25-26. What has held you back from experiencing the Holy Spirit in your life?
9. Is there an area of your life that you would say is drying up? Consider sharing that with the group, and take time to pray together that the Holy Spirit would step into your dryness.

If you've never made the decision to follow Jesus with your life, be sure to reach out to your small group leader. They would love the chance to pray with you and introduce you to a personal relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Moving Forward:

This week, at the start of each day, take a moment to declare these words: "Holy Spirit, I know you are here."