

Part Two: Who Is The Holy Spirit? // Jeff Brodie // November 14, 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: Luke 1:26-38, Luke 3:21-22, Luke 4:1-21, Acts 1:8

Bottom Line: The power of the Holy Spirit isn't about how much you have of God in your life, but about how much God has of you.

Getting Started:

- 1. How did it go for you last week asking for the Holy Spirit to be with you each day? Any observations?
- 2. When Jeff shared about walking with the Holy Spirit daily, what was your initial response? Why do you think that is?

Jumping In:

- 3. Read Luke 3.
 - a. Can you relate to Jesus' experience of being tempted? Explain.
 - b. In this passage we see that the more Jesus resisted temptation, the more he was filled with the Holy Spirit. How does this perspective change things as you think about the temptation you are facing?
- 4. Read <u>Luke 4</u>. What do you think your response would have been to what Jesus was saying if you were in the crowd in Nazareth that day? Explain.
- 5. Read Acts 1:8. What does this promise from Jesus mean for your life today?

Discuss:

- 6. Jeff shared John Mark Comer's "equation" for accessing the Holy Spirit: Intimacy + Holiness + Faith = The Power of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. What does your personal relationship with the Holy Spirit look like? How can you grow in this relationship?
 - b. What are the things you need to be set apart from in your life?
 - c. What are the things the Holy Spirit has set you apart for?
 - d. Where do you need to have faith and take a risk in your life?
- 7. What one thing are you going to start this week in order to pursue holiness, intimacy, and faith? Consider how much of your life God has now, and where you need to surrender more of your life to his Spirit.

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, take time to start each day in surrender to what God wants for your life and invite the Holy Spirit into your every moment.