



Part Three: What Is the Role of the Holy Spirit? // Jeff Brodie // **November 21, 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: [Acts 2:1-4](#), [John 1:14](#), [John 14:16-27](#), [1 Corinthians 6:18-20](#)

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit wants to move you from a full life to a fulfilled life.

Getting Started:

1. Who is the one person you would love to meet but have never had the opportunity to do so? Why do you want to meet them?

Jumping In:

2. What is the difference between God's omnipresence and his manifest presence? How are both important in different ways?
3. Have you ever thought about the idea that God wants to be present with YOU? (his manifest presence)
4. Is there anything you are doing that you couldn't do without the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Discuss:

5. Read [1 Corinthians 6:18-20](#). What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is in you and working in your life?

6. Read [John 14:16-27](#).
 - a. Jeff shared that the Holy Spirit being an advocate in your life is like having a family lawyer. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you could use an advocate?
 - b. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit advocating for what Jesus desires for your life? What was that experience like?
7. Jeff shared four ways that the Holy Spirit can act as an advocate in your life:
 - a. Comforter/Strength
 - b. Illuminator/Truth
 - c. Guide/Direction
 - d. Encourager/Peace

Is there one of these things you feel you could really use more of in your life? How so? Take time to share this with your group.
8. What would it take for you to invite the Holy Spirit into the hard decision, the tough conversation, the need for direction, or the moment of adversity you are facing?

Moving Forward:

Take time to pray together as a group for the Holy Spirit to enter into your circumstances. Pray that those who need peace would experience peace, those who need direction would see it clearly, those who need strength would receive it, and those who need to know what the right thing is would know the truth.