

HOLY SPIRIT 101

#3 AND ME – PART 1

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- What is your favorite comfort food? The food you eat when you are sad, tired, lazy, or just feeling like rewarding yourself?

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Describe our culture's relationship with spirits, ghosts, demons, angels, etc. How do they view them? Treat them? Respond to them?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- What are you most hoping will be discussed in this series?
- What was one of your first experiences where someone credited/blamed the Holy Spirit for something?
- We generally have no problem in our minds relating/viewing Jesus as a "person." How do you view the Holy Spirit as a Person and not an "It?"
- Why might it be awkward or uncommon to worship the Holy Spirit in the same way we worship the Father and the Son?
- Read John 16:7-8. The Holy Spirit is resident in all believers. When is a time you noticed/sensed the Holy Spirit convicted you of sin? Perhaps sin that you had no problem enjoying guilt free before.
- Read 1 Thess 5:19-22. Pastor Mark broke this down as: Quench not, despise not, test all, avoid evil. Are you more prone to quench when you shouldn't, or to despise? Are you more likely to test all too tightly, or to test none and let chaos reign?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Holy Spirit. Forgive me for neglecting you. I not only want more of You, I was You to have more of me. In the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Each day this week, when you pray, address the Holy Spirit directly, not indirectly.

John 16:7-8 (NIV)

⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

Romans 8:27 (NIV)

²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Ephesians 4:30 (NIV)

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Hebrews 9:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 (NIV)

¹⁹ Do not put out the Spirit's fire; ²⁰ do not treat prophecies with contempt.

²¹ Test everything. Hold on to the good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil.