



Connect: discussion guide

**“Holy Spirit and Mission”
10th August 2025**

WELCOME: *This is our 4th week exploring what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit and his activity in our lives, in our LIFEgroup, in our church family and in our World.*

- What do you recall from the last 3 weeks about the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit?
- What aspects of the ministry of the Holy Spirit impact you the most personally?

This week we were challenged to consider our motivations in seeking engagement with the Holy Spirit.

- Why do you think Christians do or don't engage with the person & ministry of the Holy Spirit?
- What would need to change for you to engage with the person & ministry of the Holy Spirit?

This discussion guide encourages us to consider the motives behind our desire for the Holy Spirit's presence and power. Scripture warns that the Spirit is not given merely for personal comfort or status, but for God's glory and the building up of His people.

READ: Acts 8:18–23

- In Acts 8, what was Simon's motive for wanting the Holy Spirit's power?
- How can we test our own motives when we pray for more of the Spirit?
- In what ways might pride or self-promotion distort our desire for the Spirit's gifts?

READ: John 14:16–17

- According to John 14:16-17, what is the role of the Spirit in a believer's life?
- How does the Spirit's presence equip us for God's mission, rather than our own agenda?
- How do we keep our focus on glorifying God rather than ourselves?

READ: Galatians 5:16–25

- What evidence in Galatians 5 shows that someone is walking in the Spirit?
- Which fruit of the Spirit do you see most growing in your life right now?
- Which one do you feel God is calling you to cultivate more intentionally?
- In what ways is Unity between churches of different background a blessing?

Pray together:

Our Father in heaven – you are the great “I am” – the God of all creation. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we come before you to invite your Holy Spirit, to fill us afresh, setting us free to become all that you created us to be. Help us to be people who reflect on our motives for seeking your face and your power.

We thank You for the gift of Jesus, given for the salvation of the world and for the gift of the Holy Spirit who empowers us as part of your church, to represent Jesus well in our world. We invite you Holy Spirit to purify our hearts so that our desires align with God’s purposes. We pray that our LIFEgroup and Connect church family will be people who are empowered by the Holy Spirit, reflecting the true character of Jesus and proclaiming the good news of the gospel.

We pray that we would know the Holy Spirit better and be empowered in greater ways and active in sharing your good news with our neighbourhoods, our nation and the world. We pray that we would have the spiritual capacity to perceive what you God are already doing, that we might join in with You. We pray for the leaders of our world, for our neighbourhood, our city, our nation, and the nations and for clarity about our part in taking the good news of Jesus to our world.

Amen