



Grace Group Guide



United Purpose: Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

United Actions: WL Groups...

- Scripture:** Be in the Word together
- Encouragement:** One another each other
- Prayer:** With and for each other and the lost
- Accountability:** Now What? Put it into action!



-ICEBREAKER-

- What is something God has been teaching you recently?
- What are some questions you have about the Holy Spirit?
 - **Leader Note:** *please write these down and share them with Tim Boucher, tboucher@wlgrace.com. These questions might not be addressed during a Sunday morning sermon, but we want to know them so that we can address them in other formats if needed.*

Transition: This week we begin our series on the Holy Spirit. We'll look at various questions Christians often ask about the Holy Spirit and aim to understand more about Him. However, the intent of this series is not simply to *understand* more about the Holy Spirit but also to *surrender* more to the Holy Spirit in order that we might be obedient children of God, walking in the Spirit.

-DISCUSSION-

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity. He...
 - Is divine (see Acts 5:3-4),
 - Has the characteristics of a person (see 1 Cor. 2:10, 11, 13; Eph. 4:30; 1 Cor. 12:11)
 - Acts like a distinct person (see Jn. 14:26, 15:26, 16:7ff)
 - **Key:** the Holy Spirit is **not** a power or a force to be manifested; He is a distinct Person in the Triune Godhead.
- What is the Holy Spirit's role in our lives?
 - He gives us life. (Job 33:4)
 - He gives us identity/sonship. (Rom. 8:14-17)
 - He teaches, guides, and convicts us. (John 16:7-15)
 - He speaks to us through Scripture. (1 Tim. 3:16-17)
 - How else does He speak?
 - **Note:** If you listened to the sermon already: How did Kip answer this question?

Leader Note: If you have time, take a look at the statement on the Holy Spirit on the next page, which is taken from the *Charis Commitment to Common Identity* (the statement of faith we hold along with other Charis Fellowship churches). Read it, look at some of the accompanying passages, and then discuss it in your groups. Is there anything there that is new to you or surprising?

The Holy Spirit — The Holy Spirit is fully God, existing eternally. He is a person and was involved in Creation and the inspiration of Scripture. His works of convicting and regenerating are essential to the believer's

salvation. Believers are entitled to the benefit and joy of being filled and walking in the Spirit for empowerment in Christian life, service, and mission.

Scripture References:

- **Acts 5:3–4** — The Holy Spirit is God.
 - **John 16:7–15** — The Holy Spirit is a person who teaches, guides, and convicts.
 - **Genesis 1:2** — The Holy Spirit was involved in Creation.
 - **2 Peter 1:21** — The Holy Spirit was involved in the inspiration of Scripture.
 - **John 16:8–11** — The Holy Spirit convicts.
 - **Titus 3:5** — The Holy Spirit regenerates.
 - **Ephesians 5:18** — Believers are called to be filled with the Spirit.
 - **Galatians 5:16** — Believers are called to walk by the Spirit.
 - **Galatians 5:22–23** — The fruit of the Spirit is produced in the believer's life.
- As a group, try to summarize what Scripture teaches about the Holy Spirit in one to two sentences.

-REFLECTION-

- Why does it matter that we not only understand these truths about the Holy Spirit but also *believe* them? Why does this matter?
- Are there areas in your life that you are struggling to surrender to the Holy Spirit? What keeps you from being led by the Spirit?
 - **Note:** Think of your relationships, job, phone usage, or other areas that you feel the Lord might be asking you to surrender.
- Is the fruit of the Spirit evident in your life? Do you live in the compassion, authority, boldness, and freedom of the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 1:7)? Is your life marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23)?

-APPLICATION-

- Think about what keeps you from walking in the Spirit; Throughout this week, if your mind wanders to these things, make it your goal to stop, pray, and ask the Spirit to help you set your mind on Him.
- Each time you read your Bible, ask that the Holy Spirit would help you understand what you're reading and apply it to your heart as well.

-PRAY-

- Jesus, thank you for tearing the veil and allowing the Holy Spirit, your presence, to dwell inside of believers. We pray for humility and full surrender to the work of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives.
- Father, help us to quiet ourselves and the other voices of this world so that we can listen to the Spirit and follow His leading in our lives.