

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

What was your understanding of the Holy Spirit before this week's message?

With your Bible or YouVersion.com, read John 14:16-17 and John 16:7.

These verses describe why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be among us and to interact in our lives. The Holy Spirit is not a thing or an "it," He is a part of the person of God.

Why is having the Holy Spirit being active in our lives such an important part of our walk with Christ?

How is the Holy Spirit being in us better than having Jesus on earth with us?

Read Acts 19:1-2 and Acts 7:51.

These verses show that many of us are living a Spirit-less life by either not being aware of the Holy Spirit or resisting the Holy Spirit.

In what ways are you living a Spirit-less life currently?

Read John 16:12-13, Isaiah 30:31, and John 16:8-9.

These verses show how the Holy Spirit is the voice of God we need to guide us.

When you think back, can you see a time when the Holy Spirit was leading you? Did He comfort, counsel, or convict you?

Describe how you need His presence in your life. What steps are you willing to take to live a Spirit-filled life?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to learn more about the Holy Spirit and help you to have a more Spirit-filled life.

Begin reading *Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*. In this book, Francis Chan offers a detailed understanding of the Holy Spirit and teaches us how to embrace and follow the Holy Spirit's direction. This book is available at most bookstores and online.

Spend time in prayer this week seeking a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Pray and allow Him to counsel and comfort you with any struggles you may be facing, as well as convict you of your sins. Use the prayer guide in the box to the right to lead you.

Use these prayer tips to guide your time with God this week to expand your conversations both in person and online:

Read John 14:16-17. Thank God in prayer for the Holy Spirit. Seek to develop a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit by spending more time listening for His voice.

Read Acts 19:1-2 and 7:51. Pray and ask God to help you become more aware of the Holy Spirit in your life and to not resist His direction.

Read John 14:15-17. Commit to obey when the Holy Spirit leads you. Pray that God will help you be more responsive to His voice.

Read John 16:13. Pray about any situations that you need guidance from God. Ask for the Holy Spirit's counsel.

Read John 16:7-8. Confess in prayer any sin that is in your life. Let the Holy Spirit convict you and change you from the inside out.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Continue the conversation this week with your friends, family, or LifeGroup and online on Facebook, Twitter, and Church Online.