

Come Holy Spirit | Week 3

Introduction

The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit prays for us. Today, we will practice allowing Him to let him lead us in our prayers.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- How have you seen God working in your life this week?
- In what areas of your life would you like to involve God more?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What stood out, challenged, or impacted you from the weekend message?

Watch the Video (10 minutes)

Group Discussion (40 minutes)

- 1. In partners or as a group, ask God, "What is something you like about this person?" Wait on God to hear what He says.
 - If you sensed God saying something to you, please share it with the person.
- 2. Whenever we pray for someone, the goal is always for them to feel loved by God. As we pray for them, we don't have to carry the pressure of the outcome of how God answers the prayer. The best gift we can give to someone as we pray for them is to help connect them with the love and presence of God.
 - Read <u>1 Corinthians 4:13</u>. When we share with someone what we sense God saying to us, it will be strengthening, encouraging, comforting, and loving.
 - A couple of "rules" for sharing what you hear from God:
 - i. It must be based in love. Remember the boundaries: strengthening, encouraging, comforting, loving.
 - ii. No dates, no mates, no direction, no correction.
 - 1. No dates: Do not tell someone a particular thing will happen by a specific date.
 - 2. No mates: Do not tell someone God has shown you who their partner will be.
 - 3. No direction: Do not tell someone God has shown you what they should do next.
 - 4. No correction: Do not tell someone God has asked you to correct them of a sin in their life.



- iii. Never say, "God says," or "Thus saith the Lord." Instead, bring an open-handed posture and use language like,
 - 1. "I sense God giving me a picture of _____. Does this resonate with you?" or
 - 2. "I feel prompted by the Holy Spirit to share this verse with you. Does this connect with you? " or
 - 3. "I believe God wants you to know _____ (something encouraging, comforting, strengthening, or loving). Does that make sense to you?"
- 3. Let's practice listening to the Holy Spirit for another person in a fun game:
 - Get into partners.
 - Ask God to show you what animal your person is like and why—the why is very important. You may notice God gives you an animal name very quickly, or it may take several moments. Remember to relax and have fun with this.
 - After about a minute of quietly waiting on God to tell you the animal your partner is like and why, share with your partner what you sensed God telling you. This should be a very encouraging and fun time of sharing together.
- 4. What surprised you or challenged you in your prayer experience today?
- 5. Read the "Ways the Holy Spirit May Speak to You" section of the <u>Prayer Guide</u>. Is there a way you notice God most frequently speaks to you?
- 6. How might you practice listening to God in prayer this week?

Prayer (10 minutes)

Sit quietly as a group, inviting God to bring to mind anything He wants to say or things He wants you to pray about. Thank God for your time together and ask Him to help you recognize His voice when He speaks to you.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- <u>Serve Your World.</u> We invite your group to be a part of the work God is doing all over the world and participate in a <u>Serve Your World trip in 2025</u>.
- Join us for a churchwide Prayer Night on Sunday, November 3 at 6 PM, where we'll gather simultaneously at every campus for a powerful evening of prayer and worship. Find out more at <u>prayernight.sv.cc</u>.