

NOTES & QUOTES



MISSING PERSON

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

WEEK 1 TALKING POINTS

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. What was one special gift you have received as a child?
2. What is one of your earliest memories of a time when you were aware of God's presence, love or grace?
3. Have you ever had to introduce someone at a formal occasion? How did you go about preparing for that responsibility? How did it go? Did you find it stressful or fun?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read John 14:15-19, John 16:12-15 and John 20:19-22. The Holy Spirit is described in these as a Comforter, Guide, Helper and Advocate. How would you introduce the Holy Spirit or explain who the Holy Spirit is to a friend who asked?
5. Since God is a mystery that cannot be fully known, the Bible often uses metaphors to describe God's nature and characteristics. The Holy Spirit is described like three different elements. Read the Scriptures and discuss the significance of each:
 - The Holy Spirit like wind: Acts 2:3-4, Genesis 1:1-2, Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 20:22-23.
 - The Holy Spirit like fire: Acts 2:1-2, Luke 3:15-18, Psalm 104:4, Isaiah 6:1-7.
 - The Holy Spirit like water: Acts 1:5, 2:17, John 4:13-14, 7:37-39, 1 Corinthians 12:13.

6. Read John 6:63 and Romans 8:11. What roles do God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit play in bringing about faith and salvation in a person's life?
7. Explain in your own words what the Holy Spirit does for the Christian according to the following verses: Romans 8:16, Romans 8:26-27, Romans 15:13 and 2 Corinthians 5:5.

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. Why do you think we passively resist the Holy Spirit and settle for a domesticated experience with God that we can predict and control? What are the results of striving to follow Jesus in our own strength?
9. As you look back over the last few weeks where have you noticed the Holy Spirit guiding, teaching, encouraging, convicting or helping you?
10. What practice would help you notice more often the Holy Spirit's work in your everyday life?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13.