

# Equipping People to Know Jesus and Follow Him

## Holy Spirit

**Background** - How do we live a life filled (directed and empowered) by the Holy Spirit?

**Key Verse/Scripture Memory** – Eph 5:17-18

**Take Away** – The Holy Spirit is the power source for the Christian Life, and we must surrender and dependent upon Him for all things.

- 1) Pray – that God would speak to our hearts and fill us with the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
  - I. What is the role and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
    - A. He is God and performs important roles in our lives.
      - 1) Transforms us into Christians – John 3:1-8
      - 2) Indwells us when we express faith – John 14:17
      - 3) Teaches us all things – John 14:25-26
      - 4) Convicts the world of sin and guides in all truth – John 16:5-15
      - 5) Helps us witness – Acts 1:1-9
      - 6) Helps us pray – Rom 8:26-27
    - B. How are we directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit?
      - 1) Desire – Mt 5:6
      - 2) Confess – 1 Jn 1:8-10
      - 3) Yield – Rom 12:1-2
      - 4) Walk by faith – Eph 5:17-18

**Use the following for discussion questions:**

- a) Is the filling of the Spirit a one-time decision, or a daily decision and lifestyle?
- It starts with a one-time decision, but it must be appropriated every day. Each new day is an opportunity to live by the power of self, or by the Holy Spirit.
- b) Do you desire to be filled? Why or why not?
- This is a real issue. We simply love or desire other things rather than the righteousness of God. Be honest and talk about the things that capture your heart other than Jesus.
- c) What things do you have trouble yielding to God?
- Do you have any idols that need to be laid down (financial security, dreams, control, money, etc.)? Also, as we live life God continues to ask us to yield new things (spouse, children, future job, retirement, etc.). Remember He can be trusted with our most precious possessions.
- d) What is your favorite thing the Holy Spirit does in your life?

**Further Resources**

Bill Bright – *The Holy Spirit*

R.T. Kendall – *The Presence of God*

Francis Chan – *Forgotten God*

A.W. Tozer – *How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit*