

Holy Spirit Study

Objective: To take a look at the Holy Spirit and see how He is a part of the larger biblical narrative. To understand the Spirit's working in our present lives.

Opening Questions:

1. What was your understanding of the Holy Spirit coming into college?
2. When you picture the Holy Spirit what is the image that comes to mind?

Important to know:

This study will take a look at who the Holy Spirit is and how He is a part of the larger biblical narrative. There will be multiple sections that would prove most helpful if you had individual students look up different passages then read them aloud discussing them as a whole.

The presence of God has always been a part of the life of follower of Yahweh, since Adam and Eve in the garden.

First Passages:

Genesis 3: 6-11

Exodus 33:12-17

1. What do these passages tell us about the Presence of God?
2. What is the difference between how Adam and Eve and Moses responded to God's Presence?
3. What is the Presence of God for us today? (Holy Spirit)

The Exodus concludes with the Tabernacle being constructed and the descent of God's glory—the evidence of his presence among them. But, Ezekiel prophesies of a day when the dry bones will come alive when the Spirit is breathed into them.

Second Passages:

Exodus 40: 34-38

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

1. How does Ezekiel long for something different than what is seen in the Exodus passage?

Paul then picks up on this language with his eschatological understanding of the Holy Spirit. He dwells in us now, as we are God's temple.

Third Passages:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

2 Corinthians 6:15

1. How do these passages show that the Holy Spirit as we understand Him today is the same Presence of God as talked about in the Old Testament?

The role of the Holy Spirit in our lives can be put in three categories, Indwelling, Transformation, and Empowerment.

Fourth Passages:

Ephesians 1:13-14

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 , Galatians 5:22-23

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

1. Which passage speaks of which category? Which one were you the most familiar with?
2. Which category would you like to understand better?
3. What does it mean to live in accordance with the Spirit?

Application Questions:

1. What would it mean we can live according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh?
2. How can we invite God's presence in our lives as the temple of God?

Spiritual Exercise:

Have some moments of silence to invite God's presence to guide you as individuals and as a group. Ask for His Spirit to guide, comfort, encourage, and empower you!

Memory Verse:

If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?

Luke 11:13