

Gathering Question:

When you think of the Holy Spirit, what comes to mind?

Gathering Prayer.

Father, by Your Spirit, would you guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Who is the Holy Spirit | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- Why do you think Paul emphasizes that no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit?
- How does understanding the Holy Spirit as a person, rather than a "what," change the way you relate to Him?
- How does St. Augustine's description of the Trinity (Father as Lover, Son as Beloved, Spirit as Bond of Love) help you understand the relational nature of God?
- In what ways have you experienced this relational love of God in your life?

The Promise of the Holy Spirit | Mark 1:10-11, Romans 8:10-17

- How do you see the Trinity expressed in the baptism of Jesus in Mark 1:10-11? What does this scene teach us about the Trinity?
- Salvation is more than forgiveness of sins. What promises beyond forgiveness do you see expressed in Romans 8:10-17?
- Connect Romans 8:10-17 and Mark 1:10-11. How does understanding our adoption by God impact your understanding of your identity in Christ?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our adoption?

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit | Ephesians 5:18

- What does it mean to "continually be filled with the Spirit"?
- How can we actively seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit in our daily lives?
- What might be holding you back from fully embracing the Spirit's presence in your life?

Closing Prayer