

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions
“Doctrine of the Holy Spirit”
August 2, 2026

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or challenging?

1. How much do you consider the Holy Spirit specifically?
2. Do you sense the Holy Spirit in you (1st Corinthians 6:19, Ephesians 1:14)?
3. How does it help you to know that God is not only with you, but in you (in the Spirit.)
4. Are you filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)?
5. If we all have the Spirit in us as a deposit, what is the difference between that and being filled with the spirit?
6. Why does it matter that the Holy Spirit is a person?
7. Does it affect how you pray to know that the Holy Spirit prays for you?
8. How can you get better at hearing the Holy Spirit?
9. How do you operate in the Spirit to accomplish what God wants (Galatians 5:16)?
10. For more information, check out Pastor Jake’s notes below.

Hey, Bethany family!

Pastor Jake here. This past Sunday we covered the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, and one of the things I talked about in my sermon was “what the Spirit is up to” in our Christian lives. There was a list I read that covered some of the things He is actively doing in our lives. I encouraged you in that moment not to take notes or try to look up references, but just to hear the words read over you. But I wanted to give you an opportunity to have this list for yourself, and to look more deeply into the Scriptures these ideas come from. I hope this list brings as much excitement and joy to you as it has to me! Jake

- The Spirit convicts you of sin and leads you to Jesus. (Jn. 16:8)
- The Spirit regenerates you, making you born again. (Titus 3:5; Jn. 3:5-6)
- The Spirit pours the love of God into your heart. (Rom. 5:5)
- The Spirit testifies to you that God really is your Father. (Rom. 8:15-16)

- The Spirit unveils your eyes so that you can clearly see Jesus. (2 Cor. 3:17-18)
- The Spirit sanctifies you, making you live more like Jesus. (1 Pet. 1:2; Gal. 5:22-23)
- The Spirit gifts you so that you can help the church look more like Jesus. (1 Cor. 12:1-11)
- The Spirit strengthens and empowers you to share the good news of Jesus. (Matt. 10:18-20; Acts 1:8)
- The Spirit illuminates your mind to help understand Scripture. (1 Cor. 2:12-15)
- The Spirit prays for you, giving words to requests you don't even know to pray for. (Rom. 8:26-27)
- The Spirit seals you for the day of redemption. (Eph. 1:13-14)