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Who Is The Holy Spirit?

- **Myth #1:** The Holy Spirit is a thing.
Truth #1: He is a person.
- **Myth #2:** He is one among many spirits.
Truth #2: He is the Third Person of the Trinity.
- **Myth #3:** He is the power of God for special occasions.
Truth #3: He is available 24/7.

“It is the Holy Spirit who makes real in us what Jesus Christ has done for us.” (Mark Fuller, *Consumed: An Introduction To The Holy Spirit*, pg. 22)

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HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What do you think about when you hear or read of the Holy Spirit? Do you think of the Holy Spirit as a person?
2. Pastor Bill referenced several Scripture texts supporting the Holy Spirit as a person and indicating the way He relates to believers (John 16:13, Romans 8:27, Acts 13:4, and 16:6). Can you identify with these interactions (He guides us, He “speaks” to us, He compels us)? Please share your experiences.
3. Christians believe God is one God, three-in-one. We refer to this mystery as the Holy Trinity, identified as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. How does this doctrinal belief affect your view of God? Is your view of God as One different than your views of God as Father, Son, or Holy Spirit? How or why?
4. Christians may often be overheard wishing or thinking it would be much better to have been able to walk with Jesus or hear his teaching in person, yet Jesus said, “it is better that I go...” so the Holy Spirit will come. What are your thoughts? Do you think it is better that you experience the Holy Spirit rather than spend time with Jesus in person? Share your reason.
5. Teaching in the New Testament is full of references to the power of the Holy Spirit working within believers. Can you share your experiences of empowerment coming from the Holy Spirit in your life?
6. If you are lacking or have not experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, would you reach out to one of the spiritual leaders in your life (pastor, teacher, HomeGroup members) and ask for their counsel? Feel free to use your “staying connected” card or email to connect with a staff pastor.