



Journey Church  
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## **Holy Spirit Encounter**

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### **3 Ways the Holy Spirit Moves Like a Dove in Our Lives:**

1. The Holy Spirit rests on us with a presence that empowers us for God's purpose  
*Isaiah 11:2; Luke 4:18-19*
  - He rests on you to strengthen you for what God is calling you into
2. The Holy Spirit reveals our true identity as children of God, anchoring us in His love  
*Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:4-7*
  - You don't perform for identity you live from it
3. The Holy Spirit leads us home to God, reminding us where we belong  
*John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12; Ephesians 1:13-14*
  - You're never too far, because the Spirit in you knows the way home

**Holy Spirit...rest on me... speak to me... lead me home**

### **Small Group Questions:**

1. Presence (He Rests) - Where in your life do you need the Holy Spirit's presence—not just to comfort you, but to strengthen you for what God is calling you into?
2. Identity (He Reveals) - Do you find yourself trying to perform for approval, or living from your identity as God's child? What does that look like in your everyday life?
3. Home (He Leads) - Have there been moments where you felt distant from God? What helps you recognize that the Spirit is leading you back home?

### **Be Intentional:**

Each day this week, take 2–3 minutes to slow down and pray:  
“Holy Spirit, rest on me, speak to me, and lead me home.”  
Then pause and listen before moving on with your day.

### **Pray:**

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.