

John 16:13-15

Two questions to ask the Holy Spirit:

- What is something you want me to remove?

- What is something you want me to receive?

Starting point:

- Baptism of the Holy Spirit- Receiving the Spirit
(Acts 1:4–5, 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:13)

- Holy Spirit filled, filling, filled to the fullness
(Ephesians 5:18)

Holy Spirit's ministry in us:

- A Seal (making, placing)
- A Pledge (promise, guarantees)
- A Witness (testifies)
(Ephesians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:14;
Galatians 4:5–6)
- Conviction
(Ephesians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:14;
John 16:8, 2 Corinthians 3:17–18, 1 John 4:4)

Welcome to our fall session of Life Groups! Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today!
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Share your story

If you could pick one word to describe summer 2025, what would it be? Why?

Looking back over what Jeff talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

Who do you tend to go to when you need advice? Why? What is it about that person that draws you to them in your time of need?

Connect to God's story

There is a lot the Bible has to tell us about who the Holy Spirit is. Write down next to each passage what you learn about the Holy Spirit:

John 3:6-8 -

Titus 3:5 -

Acts 9:31 -

John 16:8 -

John 15:26-27 -

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 -

Can you describe a time when you thought God was speaking to you or when you felt an "inner prompting" from the Holy Spirit? What helps you know if this prompting is from God or not?

The Bible is an essential tool for determining what's from God and what's not. How we view and respond to God's Word is one of the tests of whether or not we really know God. What do the following verses tell us about either the blessings or warnings that come with how we treat God's Word?

Joshua 1:8-9

Psalms 119:9-11

James 1:22-25

1 Samuel 12:14-15

Take some time to thank the Father for His gift of the Holy Spirit, which gives us all the strength we need to overcome and be successful in our life. Commit, with the Spirit's leading, to test everything that comes into our lives and ask Him to help you know and understand His Word.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)