



WEEK 2 - THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OVERVIEW

One of the less-frequently spoken of members of the trinity, the Holy Spirit nonetheless plays a vital role in the life of all believers. Who exactly is the Holy Spirit and how does he shape our lives?

- **Five-years-old:** When Jesus was saying goodbye to his disciples here on earth, he promised them they would receive “power” when the Holy Spirit came upon them. And that’s exactly what happened! Like kids given special powers in the show PJ Masks, God’s Spirit gives *us* abilities beyond ourselves. (Acts 1:8)
- **Fifteen-years-old:** One of the most important roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives is his transformation of our character to be more like that of Jesus. If we surrender to his promptings, the Spirit convicts us of sin and forms in us virtues which resemble Christ. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- **Fifty-years-old:** Paul describes believers as “a holy temple for the Lord” where “God lives by his Spirit.” This truth is an invitation to consider the radical notion that the divine presence is always within us. How might our lives look different if we were more intentionally abiding in that presence, daily listening to his voice, and consistently responding to his call? (Ephesians 2:19-22)

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

Acts 1:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Ephesians 1:3. How do we receive the Holy Spirit to begin with?
2. Who exactly is the Holy Spirit and how does He shape our lives? Read John 14:26, Romans 8:26-27, Romans 8:15, Galatians 5:22-23.
3. Did any of these roles surprise you? Encourage you? Discuss.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19. What would change in your life if you began to acknowledge that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit? How would things be different if you thought of the Holy Spirit as a permanent presence in your life?
5. How would things be different if you thought that you were where other people could meet God? How would that change your behavior?
6. What might following the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives look like?