

## Supplemental Scriptures

Acts 19:1-2 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

Acts 7:51 You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 Do not quench the Spirit, do not utterly reject prophecies, but examine everything; hold firmly to that which is good, abstain from every form of evil.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Psalms 139:7-10 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.

Romans 8:14-17 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

## Ghost Stories — Ron Marsh

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### Who Is the Holy Spirit and Why Do I Need Him? John 14:16-26

A divisive problem:

Cessationist (word)-----Sensationalist (experience)

The bottom line:

God wants to relate to His people \_\_\_\_\_ through the Holy Spirit.

1. Why are many living without the Holy Spirit?

Some aren't \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.

Some \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.

2. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_.

The Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

The Holy Spirit is a divine person sent to \_\_\_\_\_ you.

3. What does the Holy Spirit do?

He inspires and \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.

He reveals the love of God and \_\_\_\_\_ you.

3 ways He counsels you:

Comfort, guidance, and \_\_\_\_\_

He points to Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ you for ministry.

## Life Group Ice Breaker

1. What has been your personal experience with the Holy Spirit? Why do you think people either avoid or over emphasize the Holy Spirit?

## Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
3. Read John 14. What is evident to you about who the Holy Spirit is, and what He does? What is His relationship with the Father, the Son and you?
4. What is the difference between knowing the person of the Holy Spirit and knowing the work of the Holy Spirit? Why is this important to know?

5. How do you think the Holy Spirit inspires and illuminates God's Word in the believer's life? What does this phrase imply: "He can only illuminate what we choose to ruminate"?

6. Jesus described the Holy Spirit as an "advocate" or "another helper". Read Romans 8:26. What does an advocate do? How does the Holy Spirit counsel and help others?

## Application Questions & Prayer

7. As you reflect on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Is there anything in your life that is grieving Him or quenching His influence? What's one thing you can do to step closer to the Holy Spirit relationally?
8. Model Prayer: Lord, I realize I have limited you. You are greater than my ability to fully understand you. You are awesome. Forgive me for leaning on my self-sufficiency and pride. I want all you have for me. I invite the Holy Spirit to be my helper, my advocate, my guide, my counselor, and my comforter. I trust you to show me how to walk in the Spirit and live for you. Amen.