

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Would you consider yourself a “spiritual” person? Why or why not?
- What experiences have most shaped the way you think about the Holy Spirit?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, Pastor Jason reminded us that the Holy Spirit is the Person of God in us. He convicts us of sin, conforms us to Christ, and comforts us until the end.

What Do You Believe About The Holy Spirit?

1. The Holy Spirit Is the Person of God In Us (John 16:7; 14:16-17, 26)

- *Jesus doesn't introduce the Holy Spirit as an impersonal force or spiritual energy. He speaks about Him as a divine Person who knows, speaks, teaches, helps, and lives with His people.*
 - How do these verses show us that the Holy Spirit is a Person?
 - Why does it matter that He is a Person, not simply a power?
 - If someone would have asked you last week, “Is the Holy Spirit a person or just a force?” How would you have answered them? Has that answer changed today?

2. He Convicts Us Of Sin (John 16:8-11)

- *The Spirit graciously exposes what is true about us so we can see our need for Jesus. Biblical conviction doesn't leave us just feeling guilty; it leads us toward repentance and grace.*
 - What is the difference between feeling bad about sin and being convicted of sin?
 - Why is conviction actually a gift of grace?
 - Is there anything the Spirit may be exposing in your life right now?

3. He Conforms Us To Christ (John 14:15, 26; John 15:4-5; John 16:13-14)

- *The Spirit continually directs our attention to Jesus - teaching us His truth, reminding us of His words, and helping us obey Him. As we behold Christ, the Spirit changes us to become more like Him.*
 - Where do you currently feel stuck in becoming more like Jesus?
 - What would dependence on the Spirit look like there instead of simply trying harder?

4. He Comforts Us Until the End (John 14:16-18)

- *The Spirit continually directs our attention to Jesus—teaching us His truth, reminding us of His words, and helping us obey Him. As we behold Christ, the Spirit changes us to become more like Him.*
 - Read Ephesians 1:13–14 and Romans 8:26–27. How does the Spirit comfort believers?
 - When is it hardest for you to believe that God is still with you?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- A simple closing prayer: “Father, through Your Holy Spirit, help us be more like Jesus.”



Creed: A Short Confession of Core Truths

A Creed is a concise confession of the essential truths of the Christian faith that unite believers of all ages across time and place. Rooted in Scripture and echoed in historic confessions of faith, creeds remind us that we are not inventing truth, but receiving it.

We believe in One God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -
three Persons, equal and eternal.

We believe in God the Father, Who Created Everything from Nothing.

He rules with wisdom, power, and love.
He is holy, just, merciful, and kind.
He gives life and every good gift.
He is in control of every nation and every moment.
Everything exists by His will and for His glory.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Sinless Savior.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary,
fully God and fully human.
He died for our sins, was buried, and rose again.
He ascended to heaven and will return in glory
to judge all people - the living and the dead -
and to reign forever.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Person of God in us.

He convicts us of sin, opening our eyes to our need for grace,
and leading us to repentance.
He conforms us to Christ, helping us live like He did,
and giving us gifts to build up the Church.
He comforts us until the end, sealing our salvation,
and strengthening our hope.

We Believe:

- The Bible is God's Word and our final authority.
- Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ.
- The Church is the body of Christ.
- Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper are commands from Christ.
- Those who reject Christ face eternal judgment apart from God.
- Those who receive Christ experience eternal joy with God.