



Week 4: The Word On...[THE HOLY SPIRIT]

Sermon Date: 29/30 October

To be used during the week starting Monday 31 October

Leaders – feel free to adapt these questions to suit your group.

1. Getting Started.

At church over the weekend we considered the Bible's teaching on the Holy Spirit. From the sermon, your discussions after church, and/or your own personal reflections, were there any things that stood out to you, any new insights or fresh challenges? Share together.

2. Look up these passage and consider what the Bible says about....

a. The identity/nature of the Holy Spirit....

- Genesis 1:1-2, 26; 1 Cor 2:10-11; Hebrews 9:14.
- John 16:13

- What are the dangers for Christians today if we misunderstand the nature of the Holy Spirit?

b. The work of the Holy Spirit....

- John 14:26
- John 15:26, 16:14.
- John 16:8-11

- What is an "advocate" or "counsellor"? How does this help us to understand the work of the Holy Spirit?
- How does the Holy Spirit "testify" about and "glorify" Jesus?
- What are the dangers for Christians today if we misunderstand the Bible's teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit?

b. Living by the Spirit....

- Galatians 5:16-26
 - o Discuss together the challenges of living as a Christian with the conflict between flesh and Spirit.
 - o What does it mean to "walk by the Spirit" according to Paul (Gal 5:16)?

- Ephesians 5:15-20
- What does it look like to be "filled with the Spirit" according to Paul (Eph 5:18-20)? Consider the contrast with Galatians 5:15, 20-21.

3. After sharing together, pray for each other in the battle we face – flesh vs Spirit.