

SHAPED

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BIG IDEA

We are given the Holy Spirit so that we can stop scanning the world and find ourselves fixed on the loving gaze of God, being continually shaped into the image of Jesus.

KEY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 3:16-18: ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate^[a] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

John 20:19-23

Mark 46-52

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?
4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

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1. Thinking about the Sunday sermon, what stuck out for you in what was said?
2. In your time reflecting on the key scripture, what stood out to you?
3. If John 20:19-23 is a snapshot of the Christian life, where we are continually being seen by the Father, shaped by the Spirit, and sent by the Son. In what ways are you experiencing this in your life right now?
4. What are your fears about turning to Jesus and submitting yourself to His sovereignty? Are there areas in your life where this is hard?
5. What does it mean to you to "receive the Holy Spirit" and open yourself for his deep, transformative work in your life?
6. How is your "head" knowledge of God different than your "heart" experience of God?
7. How would you characterize your spiritual formation? Breakthrough moments? Process moments, or no moments at all?

SENT

Choose one thing to do this week to open yourself for the deep, transformative work of the Holy Spirit in your life.