

WITH YOU

January 4, 2026



BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force, but a Person – God Himself – sent to be with us forever.

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 14:16-17

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Gen 1:2-3; Matt 3:16-17; 1 Cor 3:16

RESOURCES

Gift and Giver: The Holy Spirit for Today, by Graig S. Keener.

Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in Christlikeness, by Christopher J.H. Wright

Keep in Step with the Spirit: Finding Fullness in Our Walk with God, by J.I. Packer.

Paul the Spirit, and the People of God, by Gordon D. Fee.

Christian Theology, by Millard Erickson

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.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture what stood out to you?

We see the nature of the Holy Spirit throughout scripture. We must hold the tension of being both a transcendent being and a person. What are the practical dangers of falling into each of those ditches? As you think of your own life, how do you practically live out your own understanding of the Holy Spirit?

We are the temple that the Holy Spirit now resides in (1 Cor 3:16). Jesus assures us that the Spirit lives in us and guides us in all truth (John 14:17; 16:14). Do we allow the Spirit to have final authority in our own lives? Do we try to control Him, or are we oblivious to Him? Do we allow Him to speak truth?

We see the Holy Spirit's *progression* through scripture, playing an active role and culminating in the infilling of the Church. What does that teach us about the heart of God and His desire for us? Among many things, the Spirit intercedes for us (Rom 8:4). In a world that focuses on achievement, how does this change our approach to God?

SENT

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.