

There's More

Week 4

What if I told you that there's more to following Jesus than you've experienced so far?

God never intended for your relationship with Him to stop at the moment you said yes to Jesus.

We love talking about God the Father. We love talking about Jesus. But when somebody mentions the Holy Spirit, things can get a little uncomfortable. Some of us grew up in churches where nobody really talked about Him. Others grew up in churches where everybody talked about Him, but some of the things we saw left us with more questions than answers.

What if He wants to do something **THROUGH** you that you could never accomplish on your own?

We serve a God whose plans for our lives are bigger than simply getting us to heaven someday.

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit doesn't just live in us; He wants to fill, empower, and equip us to accomplish through us what we could never accomplish on our own.

Main Scriptures:

Ephesians 1:13–14 – The Holy Spirit is given to believers as God's promise and guarantee of our inheritance.

Acts 1:8 – The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses for Jesus.

Ephesians 5:18 – Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 – The Holy Spirit gives different spiritual gifts for the benefit of others.

Acts 2:39 – The promise of the Holy Spirit is for you, your children, and all whom God calls.

Main Point: Don't settle for simply having the Holy Spirit in you; surrender to His work through you so your life can make a difference for others.

Context:

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU

Ephesians 1:13–14 - 13And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. 14The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

Every genuine follower of Jesus has the Holy Spirit dwelling within them.

The Holy Spirit didn't come just to occupy space in your life. He came to **transform** it.

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS TO FILL AND **EMPOWER** YOU

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

He was promising them the power they needed to **accomplish** the mission He had given them.

The Holy Spirit doesn't empower us simply to have an experience. He empowers us to make a **difference**.

Being baptized with the Holy Spirit **doesn't** make you more saved, more loved, or more valuable than another Christian.

Ephesians 5:18 - 18Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,

Remember what we said last week? Don't live today on yesterday's fill.

God isn't just interested in filling your cup. He wants your life to **overflow**.

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES YOU GIFTS FOR **OTHERS**

One of the amazing things about the Holy Spirit is that He doesn't work through all of us in **exactly** the same way.

1st Corinthians 12:4There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. 5There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. 6God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. 7A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given so we can serve one another and accomplish the **mission** of Jesus.

Spiritual gifts are **tools**, not **trophies**.

The tools weren't given so everybody could admire them. They were given so that the crew could accomplish something together.

More **surrender** to the One who can accomplish through us what we could never accomplish on our own.

In Acts 2:39, Peter said, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Jesus didn't ghost us. He gave us His Spirit. And there's more.
