Making Disciples

Notes for Group Session Six

Who is the Holy Spirit and What is His Role?

Session Goals

1. The disciple will be able to give two examples of the Holy Spirit's role in his or her life.
2. The disciple will be able to describe how those roles were demonstrated in their lives with two examples.
3. The disciple will be able to identify two fruits of the Holy Spirit that they want to see increase in their lives.

Begin the session praying together and reviewing the Action Steps from the previous week. Pray with individuals who had difficulty applying the information from last week. Thank God where there were successes in the application.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit has names used in the Bible which indicate His character and His work. He possesses all the traits of God. He is omnipotent (all powerful), omnipresent (can be everywhere at the same time), omniscient (knows everything) and full of infinite love, just like Jesus and the Father.

- The Holy Spirit is God.

Acts 5: 3-4 "Peter said, Ananias. Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold was not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God."

- He is a gift from God.

Luke 11:13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

John 7:38-39 "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

- The Spirit of grace.

Hebrews 10:29 "Of how much worse punishment do you suppose will he be thought worthy, who has trampled the Son of God under foot, counted the blood of the covenant, by which he was sanctified a common thing and insulted the Spirit of grace?"

- The Spirit of truth.

*John 14:16-17 "And I will pray the father, and he will give you another helper that He may abide with you forever. **The Spirit of truth** whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows Him. But you know Him for He dwells with you and will be in you."*

*John 15:26 "But when the helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the father, **The Spirit of truth,** who proceeds from the father, He will testify of me."*

*John 16:13 "However, when He, **The Spirit of truth** has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever He hears, He will speak, and He will tell you things to come."*

*1 John 5:6 "And the Spirit is the one who testifies because **The Spirit is the truth**."*

- The Spirit of life.

*Romans 8:2 "For the law of the **Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."*

*Luke 1:35 "And the angel answered her, **The Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."*

*Luke 1:41 "And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the **Holy Spirit**."*

- The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

*Isaiah 11:2 "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the **Spirit of counsel and might**, the **Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord**."*

Isaiah 40:13-14 "Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?"

Isaiah 61:1-2 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach the good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to those who are bound…"

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor, He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

- The Spirit of promise.

*Ephesians 1:13-14 "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the **Holy Spirit of promise**, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."*

*Luke 24:49 "Behold, I send the **Promise** of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."*

- The Spirit of glory.

*1 Peter 4:14 "If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the **Spirit of glory** and of God rests upon you…"*

2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with unveiled faces, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

John 16:14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine, and declare it to you."

- The Spirit of God and of Christ.

*1 Corinthians 3:16 "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the **Spirit of God** dwells in you?"*

*Romans 8:9 "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he is not His."*

- The Spirit is the helper.

*John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper,** that He may abide with you forever."*

*John 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."*

The Role of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit Participated in Creation.

Genesis 1:2 "And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." The Spirit is seen actively engaged in the work of creation.

Psalm 33:6 "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath (Spirit) of his mouth."*

Job 33:4 "The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath (Spirit) of the Almighty hath given me life."*

Isaiah 40:7 "The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath (Spirit) of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass."*

- The Holy Spirit Inspired Scriptures.

2 Peter 1:20-21 "knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

2 Tim.3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

John 16:8-11 "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment; of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go unto my Father and you see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

John 15:26-27 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of me. And you also will bear witness because you have been with Me from the beginning."

Acts 5:32 "And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit who God has given to those who obey Him."

[*The Hebrew word *"ruach"* is translated *Spirit* or *breadth*.]

- The Holy Spirit in relation to the Believer

    1. The Spirit makes the believer new:

John 3:3-5 "Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"

Titus 3:5-6 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

    2. The Spirit indwells the believer:

1 Corinthians 3:16 "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

Romans 8:9 "Now if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

1 Corinthians 12:3 "…no one can say that Jesus is the Lord except by the Holy Spirit."

    3. The Spirit seals the believer:

Ephesians 1:13 "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit."

Ephesians 4:30 "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Galatians 4:6 "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, Abba, Father!"

Romans 8:14-16 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received

the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God."

4. The Spirit infills the believer:

Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit…"

Ephesians 5:18 "And do not get drunk with wine, which leads to debauchery, but instead be filled with the Spirit."

5. The Spirit empowers the believer for life and service:

a. The Holy Spirit enables the believer to get victory over sin

Romans 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death"

Romans 8:13-14 "For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

John 16:8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment."

b. Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Christian life

Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, against such there is no law."

Galatians 5:25 "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

c. The Holy Spirit is the guide of the believer's life

Galatians 5:16-18 "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh,

and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."

1 Corinthians 2:9-11 "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed to us His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God…"

Ephesians 1:17 "…that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him."

Acts 16:6 "Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia."

Acts 13:2-4 "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, now separate to me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. So being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus."

d. The Holy Spirit gives assurance of salvation

Romans 8:14-17 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."

e. The Holy Spirit anoints the believer

1 John 2:27 "But the anointing, which you have received from him abides in you, and you do not need not that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true; and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him."

John 14:26 "But the advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind, and set the oppressed free."

Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

f. The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

g. The Holy Spirit will sanctify (purify) us

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

h. The Holy Spirit will comfort

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever."

i. The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Acts 4:31 "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

j. The Holy Spirit will distribute gifts to be used for the kingdom

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 "These are diversities of gifts but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

Action Steps

- During this week, pray for an increase in the manifestations of the fruit and gifts of the Spirit in your life. Describe the differences that you experienced during the week in the next session.

- Identify an incident when you experienced the guidance of the Holy Spirit this week.