



## Sermon Discussion Guide

June 7 & 8, 2025

"Who Is the Holy Spirit?"

[Acts 2:1-8](#)

**10 Big Questions About the Christian Life** is a sermon series inviting us to wrestle with the most important questions of faith that shape how we live every day. Each week explores a key question that draws us deeper into God's truth and calls us to live out the hope of the resurrection. This series challenges us to move from belief to action, building a faith that transforms both our lives and the world.

### PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [hopeonline.tv](http://hopeonline.tv). Did you have any ah-ha moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

### GROW

#### Read [Acts 2:1-8](#) – "The Holy Spirit Comes"

- How would you have felt if you were in that room when the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire? What do you think this moment reveals about God's desire to be close to his people?
- Why do you think the Holy Spirit enabled people to speak in different languages?
- Why do you think God chose to pour out the Spirit in such a dramatic and public way?
- How would you explain the role of the Holy Spirit to someone unfamiliar with faith?

#### Read [Genesis 1:1-2](#) – "The Account of Creation"

- What emotions surface when you read that the earth was formless and empty before God began creating?
- Why do you think the Bible starts with this picture of chaos and the Spirit hovering over the waters?
- How does knowing that God moves in the darkness encourage you to keep seeking his will?
- How can the Holy Spirit's movement over the waters inspire your response to situations that seem overwhelming?

#### Read [John 14:16-17](#) – "Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit"

- How does it feel to know that God promises to give you an advocate who will never leave you? What might change if you lived with a daily awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence?
- Why do you think Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the "Spirit of truth"?
- When have you sensed the Holy Spirit with you—even if you didn't fully recognize it at the time?
- The world often overlooks or dismisses the work of the Holy Spirit. How does that challenge our cultural assumptions about where true wisdom and power come from?

#### Read [Romans 8:26](#) – "The Future Glory"

- What emotions arise when you hear that the Holy Spirit helps you in your weakness, even praying for you when you don't have the words?
- Why do you think Paul emphasizes that we often don't know what we ought to pray for? How does this highlight the Spirit's role in your spiritual growth?
- Can you recall a time when you were unsure how to pray—how might God have been at work through the Spirit in that moment?
- In a world that values certainty and control, how does surrendering to the Spirit's intercession challenge common assumptions?

### APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Morning invitation.** This week, take time each morning to simply invite the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words, and actions throughout the day. Begin with a short prayer of openness: "Come, Holy Spirit."
- **Prayer in the moment.** When faced with a decision, difficulty, or moment of weakness this week, pause and consciously ask the Holy Spirit to intercede and help. Trust that even when you don't know what to pray, the Spirit is already praying for you.
- **Listening space.** Set aside 10 minutes this week for quiet reflection with no distractions. In this space, ask God to help you become more aware of the Spirit's presence in your life and listen attentively. Record any impressions, thoughts, or Scriptures that come to mind.