

The Holy Spirit

Opening Prayer Heavenly Father, send Your Spirit to be with just. Help us to see the way in which You work in our lives. Be in our words and in our thoughts as we begin our conversation as a crew. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Fill in the Blank/Questions—Responding to the Talk in the Big Room

- True or False (Circle the right answer):
 - The Holy Spirit is a force. True False
 - The Holy Spirit is less divine than the Father and the Son. True False
 - Conversion—believing in Jesus—is completely God's work. True False
- What does the Holy Spirit do? Gives _____ and _____.
- To "sanctify" means to _____ or to make holy.

What Does This Mean? (Catechism Time)

Open your catechisms to page 147. Read through *The Third Article* section and then fill in the blanks for the *What Does This Mean?* section below:

I believe that I _____ by my own _____ or strength _____ in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or _____ to Him; but the _____ has _____ me by the _____, enlightened me with His _____, sanctified and _____ me in the true faith.

This is Most Certainly True (Bible Time)

Open up your bibles and fill in the following blanks from the following verses:

Ephesians 2:1 "You were _____ in the trespasses and _____."

1 Corinthians 12:3 "No one can say, ' _____ ' except in the _____."

1 Corinthians 3:16 "Do you not know that _____ are God's _____ and that God's _____ in you?"

Situation Time

Talk about the following situations with your group. Take notes on what you discuss!

Situation #1: Your friend Nina has been struggling lately. She can't seem to get rid of feelings of anxiousness and feeling alone. She goes to church every week and she feels great when she leaves there—like she's all full of joy and peace and comfort. Then as the week goes on, it just seems to empty out of her. She finds herself walking in each Sunday morning feeling completely drained and needing to be filled up again. She just doesn't feel like God is with her as she goes throughout her week. What advice do you have for Nina after our conversation about the Holy Spirit?

Situation #2: You're in your first couple of years of high school sitting in homeroom near your friends, Lucy and Charles. Lucy brings up her church's beach retreat. She wants you both to sign up. She says, "You need to come! It's so powerful and you can be baptized." Charles speaks up before you do, "That's awesome! I'm definitely interested. I've already been baptized, though." Lucy says, "Well...did that count? It wasn't really you making the decision to be baptized and follow Jesus. That was your parents. You need to make the choice in order for it to count. Don't you want to be certain?" After learning what we've learned tonight about the work of the Holy Spirit—taking us from being spiritually dead to spiritually alive, how might you respectfully respond to Lucy?

Situation #3: As you're leaving third period, you see Jessica from your small group at church. She's laughing at a girl named Rachel and making fun of her in front of a group of her friends. Rachel walks away crying and the group that's left behind just laughs. The bell rings and Jessica's friends leave while she grabs a few more things from her locker. You go over to talk to her about it and as she turns around she says, "What? Don't look at me like I just killed someone! It was just a joke." Knowing that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, what might you remind Jessica of in this moment?

Share Highs and Lows

Closing Prayer Heavenly Father, thank you for this time that we have had to discover who You are. As we leave tonight, send Your Spirit to comfort and lead us in the ways in which You would have us walk. Renew us each morning as we rise that we would glorify the name of Jesus. Keep us safe until we meet again. In Jesus' name. Amen.