

HOLY GHOST

Stories

Week 1: “Jesus Has Left the Building”

What is the Holy Spirit? *Who* is the Holy Spirit? Most of us know something about God. We know a little more about Jesus. But what about the Holy Spirit? Is it a ghost? Is it a force? Is it even an “it”? The Holy Spirit is a mystery for sure. During this discussion, we’ll address this mysterious part of faith. And in doing so, we’ll discover the path to a fulfilling life in an empty world.

Discussion Questions

1. What is your experience with ghost stories and scary movies? Do you enjoy visiting haunted houses and watching horror films, or do you tend to stay away from anything scary?
2. The Holy Ghost is a mystery for most people. For example, complete this statement: God is the “judging” one; Jesus is the “loving” one; the Holy Ghost is the “_____” one.
3. Doing things on your own can be incredibly difficult. What’s the hardest thing you’ve ever tried to do on your own? On the other hand, can you remember a time when you felt confident because someone was with you?
4. Jesus talked a lot about leaving his disciples but sending another to be with them.
 - Read John 14:26–27. What does it mean that Jesus would leave his “peace” with you?
 - Read John 16:7. How might it be better that the Holy Spirit would be with the disciples rather than Jesus being with them?
5. One definition of the Holy Spirit is: “The Holy Spirit is a person who relates to us in person, who indwells us when we personally accept Jesus.” What part of that definition is the most challenging and/or most comforting to accept?
6. What would you do if you were absolutely certain the Holy Spirit lived in you? How would that reality change the way you live?

Changing Your Mind

The same Spirit that brought Jesus back to life is alive in you. The Holy Spirit can resurrect and bring back to life all kinds of hopes and dreams. In fact, the Holy Spirit inside of you is better than Jesus beside you.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. – Galatians 5:22–23