



FINE ARTS

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discipleship dimension: holy spirit

DIMENSION OBJECTIVE:

Develop a greater understanding of the Person of the Holy Spirit and what He does.



Pre-Service Altar Call

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scripture

“The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.”

Genesis 1:2

“On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.”

Acts 2:1–3

discover

When I was a youth ministry intern, I was at our youth group retreat with all the students and leaders worshipping God on the first night. We hadn't really delved into who the Holy Spirit was before, yet here on this very first night of retreat with more than 100 of us ready with great anticipation and hunger for God, something happened that I hadn't seen before. Worship grew in intensity, but not by repeating a chorus over and over.

As music ceased, there was cries of personal worship ringing out and people dropping to their knees. Those who were usually shy were shouting out hollers of praise. Everyone in the room seemed to be overcome with amplified joy and adoration in unity. This continued to increase for over an hour in an extended time of worship.

When the speaker did come on the platform to give the message he started with, "Wow. I've never had to explain the Holy Spirit after He already poured out among a gathering!"

develop

The Holy Spirit is the most complex simplicity we can seek after. What does that mean? He is both complex in being the greatest power who knows no bounds and can't be restrained. He also comes in the atmosphere of simplicity: in an upper room at the beginning of the Church, in a retreat service, anywhere you are that you call on His name. He fills and overflows. He goes ahead of us, prepares, reveals, and intervenes on our behalf. To develop understanding who He is and what He does is to take your relationship with God to a deeper level. It's an exciting adventure that will never grow tiresome or mundane. In that chapel at retreat, what blew me away was the undeniable confidence of knowing the Holy Spirit was in the room. There was a distinct shift that was tangible. My favorite aspect about Him is that He reveals; He shows us what we can't know on our own. The best way to develop a true knowledge of Him is for Him to reveal the understanding to you Himself.

deploy

Each person on your team should make a list of the specific areas in their life they need to see the Holy Spirit fill, consume, and show up to do the impossible. Our faith grows as we share testimonies (real life stories) of what we've seen God do. Share with each other where you've seen the Holy Spirit move in your life in order to encourage one another to seek Him in their own lives too.

prayer

Pray out loud together that the Holy Spirit would meet you right where you are with your team. Ask Him to reveal who He is to you all. Then, everyone should continue to pray in the room as you expect and wait for the Holy Spirit to move among your team. If you need, play quiet worship music in the background to set the tone while you pray. (I'd suggest instrumental music only, no lyrics. Sometimes it can be easy to be distracted by songs to sing along to when we're trying to listen for God to speak.) Let those who feel the Holy Spirit saying something to them speak it out.