



ANSWERS: Unit 3: Christian Leadership

How to positively influence the attitudes and actions of others for Jesus Christ.

Lesson 7 Holy Spirit

Day One

Knowing the Holy Spirit

Read Hebrews 2:11–12 and answer questions 1–2:

Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹²He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.” Hebrews 2:11–12

1. Why is Jesus not ashamed to call *you* a brother or sister (v. 11)?

Because Jesus has made me holy, and we are of the same family.

2. What thoughts go through your mind as you read verse 12?

Personal Answer

Read Hebrews 2:13–15 and answer questions 3–5:

And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.” ¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2:13–15

3. What is another term Jesus applies to Christians who belong in His family (v. 13)?

Children

4. How did Jesus share in our humanity or in the human race (v. 14)?

Took on flesh and blood.

5. Who destroyed the devil’s power of death (v. 14)?

Jesus

Read John 14:26 and answer questions 6-7:

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

6. Who does the Father send in Jesus' name?

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

7. What does the Advocate—the Holy Spirit—teach and remind disciples of?

The Spirit teaches disciples all things and will remind us of everything Jesus has said.

8. Read 1 John 2:6. What are we supposed to do with the Spirit's teaching and reminding us of everything Jesus has said?

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. 1 John 2:6

We are to live as Jesus did.

Now let's look at the three ways to recognize or live by the Spirit.

Read Genesis 1:2 and answer questions 9-11:

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:2

9. What is the first book of the Bible?

Genesis

10. How soon are we introduced to the Spirit?

Right away, immediately. The Spirit of God is introduced in the first book of the Bible, verse 2.

11. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit from Genesis 1:2?

The Spirit was hovering over the waters. He is eternal and active with the Father and the Son in creation. This verse also reveals the Holy Spirit is powerful, tender, and thoughtful.

Bible references in lesson:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:1-3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. ¹⁴There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a human being. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel! Joshua 10:13–14

Read Job 33:4 and answer questions 12–13:

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. Job 33:4

12. Who made you (v. 4a)?

The Spirit of God

13. What is another name for the Spirit of God (v. 4b)?

Breath of the Almighty

Read John 6:63 and answer question 14–15:

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. John 6:63

14. According to Jesus, who gives life (v. 63a)?

The Spirit

15. What are Jesus’ words full of (v. 63b)?

Full of the Spirit and life

Read Nehemiah 9:20 and answer 16–17:

You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. Nehemiah 9:20a

16. What adjective describes the Spirit?

Good

17. What is one reason that God gave us His good Spirit?

To teach or instruct us

18. Read Psalm 143:10. How else does the Spirit help you (v. 12b)?

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
Psalm 143:10

Teaches us to do God's will and leads us in the right way.

Bible references in lesson:

When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment. John 16:8

God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. 1 Thessalonians 1:4b–5

For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you warned them through your prophets. Yet they paid no attention, so you gave them into the hands of the neighboring peoples.
Nehemiah 9:30

Read John 16:13–14 and answer questions 19–21:

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.
John 16:13–14

19. Why do you think it is important to learn from the Holy Spirit (v. 13)?

The Holy Spirit guides in all truth.

20. Who glorifies Jesus (v. 14a)?

The Holy Spirit

21. How does the Spirit glorify Jesus (v. 14b)?

He receives from Jesus and makes Jesus and His words known to us.

22. How do you think self-preservation and glorifying God are diametrically (totally) opposed?

When we put ourselves first, then God takes second place. We are not honoring God when anyone, including ourselves, is made more significant or important. God is glorified when we put His honor above our own lives like the martyrs did.

Action Step

23. Ask the Spirit of truth to show you how to be selfless this week and glorify God. Share what happened:

Personal Answer

—End Day One—

Day Two

Ignorance of the Spirit

Bible references in lesson:

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment. John 16:8

Read Acts 8:18–21 and answer questions 24–28:

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money¹⁹ and said, “Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”²⁰ Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!²¹ You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.” Acts 8:18–21

24. What did Simon offer the apostles for the gift of the Spirit (v. 18)?

Money

25. How did Peter reply to Simon (vv. 20–21)?

Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.”

26. Why do you think Peter replied to Simon in that way (v. 21)?

Simon did not have the right heart toward God. Peter realized Simon wanted the Spirit's power for personal benefit and not to honor God.

27. Do you think Simon wanted to help others glorify God? Yes No (Underline One)

28. Explain your answer to #27 about whether Simon wanted to help others glorify God.

Personal answer, but the fact Simon offered money is a clue to his motivation. Perhaps he thought he could make money or just get attention. From Peter's response to Simon, it appears that Simon was ignorant of the Spirit and had no real interest in knowing Him. Simon wanted to use the Spirit's power for his own benefit and honor.

Read Luke 11:13 and answer questions 29–30:

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13

29. According to Jesus, how do you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (v. 13b)?

Ask God

30. Do you have to beg and plead with God for the Holy Spirit? Yes No (Underline One)

Bible references in lesson:

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:13

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:20–23

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7–8

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Luke 11:9

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:4

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

The reference in the lesson is Hebrews 10:25–39. Here is one verse:

How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? Hebrews 10:29

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Matthew 5:17

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. Hebrews 9:15

Bible references in lesson:

“Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy.” Exodus 40:9

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:14

He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. John 19:39–40

31. Read 1 Samuel 10:1. Who did Samuel say anointed Saul as ruler over His inheritance?

The Lord

Read 1 Samuel 10:6–7 and answer questions 32–33:

The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. ⁷Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you. 1 Samuel 10:6–7

32. Name three of the signs God used in Saul's life to confirm his appointment as leader (v. 6):

1. The Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul in power

2. Saul prophesied with the prophets

3. Saul was changed into a different person

33. Once the signs were fulfilled, what instruction did Samuel give the new king, Saul (v. 7)?

Do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

Bible reference in lesson:

Saul answered, "But am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest tribe of Israel, and is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why do you say such a thing to me?"

1 Samuel 9:21

Action Steps

Reflect on your desire to know the Spirit.

34. Do you desire the Spirit for God's purposes, or to impress others with His power?

Personal Answer

35. Confess any ignorance, wrong thoughts, or attitudes that you have regarding the Holy Spirit. Ask forgiveness and pray for a pure knowledge and understanding of the Spirit.

I have prayed. Yes No (Underline One)

Personal Answer

—End Day Two—

Day Three

Grieving the Spirit

Read 1 Samuel 15:23 and answer questions 36–40:

“For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king.” 1 Samuel 15:23

36. What is rebellion compared to (v. 23a)?

The sin of divination

37. What is arrogance compared to (v. 23b)?

The evil of idolatry

Bible references in lesson:

“Do not practice divination or seek omens.” Leviticus 19:26b

And God spoke all these words: ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. Exodus 20:1–4

“Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?” ²³Then I will tell them plainly, “I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!” Matthew 7:21–23

And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Hebrews 12:5–6

38. How is arrogance like the evil of idolatry?

Arrogant people are prideful, thinking they are superior to others. These kind of people would have contempt (disrespect) for God and other people. They worship self rather than God. (Idolatry is the worship of anything, including self, rather than God. In the Old Testament some people would make statues or carve images known as idols to be their gods.)

39. Do you struggle with either the sin of rebellion or arrogance? Y N (Underline One)

Personal Answer

40. How may your discipleship team pray for you in your fight against rebellion and arrogance?

Prayer is the first step in overcoming any sin. We need help from God. Disciples, pray for each other.

Read 1 Samuel 16:14 and answer questions 40–42:

Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. 1 Samuel 16:14

40. Who left Saul (v. 14a)?

The Spirit of the LORD.

41. Why did the Spirit of the LORD depart from Saul (See 1 Samuel 13:13)?

Disobedience or did not keep commands.

Bible reference in question:

“You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.” 1 Samuel 13:13

42. Why do you think the LORD allowed an evil spirit to torment Saul (See 1 Kings 22:19–23; Job 1:9–12; Isaiah 10:5–6)?

Personal answer but in effect, God took His hand of protection from Saul because he was in rebellion and disobedience. God allowed evil spirits to torment or trouble him. God gave him over (handed over) to depression and fear for that is what he exhibited, lack of trust and fear of God. Instead, he trusted and feared man.

Bible references in question:

The reference in the question is 1 Kings 22:19–23. Here are two verses:

Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, “I will entice him.” ²² *“By what means?” the LORD asked. ““I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,” he said. “You will succeed in enticing him,” said the LORD. “Go and do it.”* 1 Kings 22:21–22

The reference in the question is Job 1:9–12. Here is one verse:

The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.” Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. Job 1:12

“Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath! ⁶I send him against a godless nation, I dispatch him against a people who anger me, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets. Isaiah 10:5–6

Action Step (Sincerely pray the following prayers and answer question 43–44.)

Merciful Lord, You are patient and longsuffering. I bow in humble submission to Your authority and rule in my life. You are good and all that You do is right and just. Please forgive me for all my rebellion and arrogance. These times in particular I remember (confess your sins). Thank You for continually forgiving me and changing me into Your obedient and humble servant. Thank You for giving me the grace to lead Your people in Your purpose, will, and ways. Amen

Holy Spirit, guide and counsel me in right thinking so I may never be rebellious or arrogant again. Convict me at once of my wrongdoing so I may always be set apart and in immediate readiness for my Lord’s call. I live, love, and pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

43. I have sincerely prayed, and I sincerely bow in submission to God. Yes No (Underline One)

Personal Answer

44. If you were not able to pray and bow in submission to God, please explain why.

Personal answer, but if you or any other disciples have not prayed, pray for full submission and obedience to God. Encourage each other in this direction without condemnation or judgment.

Read 1 Samuel 13:13–15 and answer questions 45–48:

“You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. ¹⁴But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”

1 Samuel 13:13–14 (The command was to wait—not to offer the burnt offering (1 Samuel 10:8).

45. According to Samuel, how did Saul act (v. 13a)?

Foolishly

46. What did Saul fail to do (v. 13b)?

Keep the command of the Lord

47. What was the consequence of Saul's failure to keep the Lord's command (v. 14a)?

Saul's kingdom or kingship did not endure; it did not last.

48. What kind of person did the LORD seek, find, and appoint to take Saul's place (v. 14b)?

A man after God's own heart.

Read 1 Samuel 16:13 and answer questions 49–50:

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. 1 Samuel 16:13

49. Who did God choose and anoint to take Saul's place because of his disobedience?

David

50. Who came powerfully upon David (v. 13b)?

The Spirit of the Lord

Read Acts 13:22 and answer questions 51–53:

After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: "I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do." Acts 13:22

51. Why was David *a man after God's own heart* (v. 22b)?

He will do everything God wants him to do; obedient.

52. What is one word that summarizes "he will do everything I want him to do"?

Obedient

53. What do you have to do in order to be called a man or woman after God's *own heart*?

Obey God

Read Ephesians 1:13–14 and answer questions 54–58:

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:13–14

54. What is the message of truth (v. 13a)?

The gospel of your salvation.

55. When you believed in the gospel, you were ____ **marked** ____ in Him (Jesus) with a ____ **seal** ____, the promised ____ **Holy** ____ **Spirit** ____ (v. 13b).

56. What does the Spirit guarantee believers (v. 14)?

Our inheritance

57. What is the believer's inheritance (cf. Hebrews 9:15; 1 Peter 1:3–5)?

Salvation or eternal life with God in heaven or the New Jerusalem. We do not know everything that being in heaven involves, but we do know that it will be eternal joy in the presence of God.

Bible references in question:

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. Hebrews 9:15

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3–5

58. Why do Christians receive the Holy Spirit as a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance (v. 14b)?

We receive the Holy Spirit to worship God in every way. The Holy Spirit directs us minute by minute through our actions, thoughts, and feelings.

59. Read Romans 8:9. Who does not have the Spirit of Christ (v. 8b)?

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9 (The Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ, and Holy Spirit are one and the same.)

Anyone who does not belong to Christ.

Bible references in lesson:

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, "Destroy them!" Deuteronomy 33:27

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

The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. Genesis 6:6

Read Ephesians 4:30–32 and answer questions 60–62:

*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.* Ephesians 4:30–32

60. What behaviors (acting in certain ways) grieve the Holy Spirit (v. 31)?

Bitterness, rage and anger, brawling, slander, and every form of malice

61. What behaviors bring pleasure and joy to the Spirit of God (v. 32)?

Kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other plus others may be listed

Bible reference in lesson:

He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Acts 9:4

62. How will you cooperate and change any thoughts or actions to bring joy to the Spirit?

Personal answer but might include prayer, fasting, repentance, and help from God.

Read Isaiah 63:9–10 and answer questions 63–65:

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them. Isaiah 63:9–10

63. What did God do when His people were distressed (v. 9)?

God too was distressed, and the angel of His presence saved them.

64. How did the people grieve the Holy Spirit (v. 10a)?

They rebelled.

65. What did God do when the people rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit (v. 10b)?

God turned and became their enemy and He himself fought against them.

—End Day Three—

Day Four ***The Spirit's Sanctifying Work***

Bible references in lesson:

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Romans 8:30 (God the Father)

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. John 1:11–13

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” John 3:8

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13 and answer questions 66–67:

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 (Firstfruits are the first fruit or grain crops harvested and presented to God.)

66. What are the two means that God uses to bring people to salvation (v. 13b)?

1) through the sanctifying work of the Spirit 2) through belief in the truth (Jesus Christ)

67. Who and what is the truth (See John 14:6)?

Jesus Christ

Bible reference in question:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Bible references in lesson:

I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves along the ground. Leviticus 11:44

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15–16

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 and answer questions 68–71:

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20

68. What is your body (v. 19a)?

Temple of the Holy Spirit

69. Who is in you (v. 19b)?

Holy Spirit

70. Who gave you His Holy Spirit (v. 19c)?

God

71. We were bought at a price, therefore we _____ **honor** _____ God with our _____ **bodies** _____ (v. 20).

72. How does Esther's example encourage or inspire you?

Personal Answer

Read John 17:17 and answer questions 73–74:

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

73. What is truth (v. 17b)?

God's word; the Bible.

74. How do you listen to or read the Bible daily?

Personal Answer

Read 1 Corinthians 2:12–14 and answer questions 75–77:

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:12–14 (Discern means to realize, come to know, or recognize something.)

75. How can we understand what God has given us (v. 12)?

Through God's gift of His Holy Spirit

76. How do we explain and teach spiritual realities or truths (v. 13)?

Through the Holy Spirit

77. Why does a person *not* accept the things that come from the Spirit of God (v. 14a)?

They do not have the Holy Spirit and therefore cannot accept the things that come from Him.

78. Read 2 Corinthians 3:6. How might this verse be used as a warning against reading and studying Scripture without the Spirit's guidance?

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:6

We may become legalistic without the love of God. Like the Pharisees, we would look for rules and not the underlying reason God's commands were given which are to love Him and others.

—End Day Four—

Day Five

The Holy Spirit, our Guide

Read Romans 8:26 and answer questions 79–82:

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. Romans 8:26

79. Who helps us in our weakness (v. 26a)?

The Spirit

80. Do we always know what we ought to pray for (v. 26b)? Yes No (Underline One)

81. Who helps us to pray and also intercedes for us with wordless groans (v. 26c)?

The Holy Spirit

Bible reference in lesson:

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Hebrews 7:25 (Jesus)

82. How does it make you feel when you consider the Holy Spirit is interceding for you?

Personal Answer

Accountability: Be prepared to share your answer #82 with your discipleship team.

Read Luke 10:21 and answer question 83–85:

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.” Luke 10:21

83. Jesus was full of joy through the _____ **Holy** _____ **Spirit** _____ (v. 21a).

84. Will the Spirit fill you with joy (Cf. Acts 13:52; Romans 14:17; Galatians 5:22)? Yes No (Underline One)

85. Explain your answer to #84 about the Spirit filling you with joy as He did Jesus.

Scripture (Acts 13:52; Romans 14:17; Galatians 5:22) tells us that the Holy Spirit fills believers with joy. Following God and seeing His will revealed and displayed brings joy through the Holy Spirit. Jesus was full of joy seeing the wise and learned people confounded while the foolish (in the world's eyes) and uneducated understood God's truth. When we see God working on earth, the Spirit brings us joy in a similar way.

Acton Steps

86. Mediate on and memorize 2 Corinthians 3:17–18:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17–18

87. What do these verses (2 Corinthians 3:17–18) mean to you personally?

Personal Answer

88. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for an opportunity to reflect the Lord's glory and show the love of Christ. Ask to meet someone's need in a special way that is out of the ordinary and reveals God's love and care for that person. Share your experience.

Personal Answer

—End Day Five and Lesson 7—

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