

FUEL sermon series – Week 4 Group Guide

July 16

Begin your group time together with a recap and a review (10 minutes).

RECAP: This week Gary's message highlighted that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) and therefore we must be holy. In his sermon, Gary focused on the ministry of the Holy Spirit to sanctify us into the likeness of Jesus.

REVIEW: Like last week, think back on the first three sermons: F for Following, U for Unhurried, and E for Empowered.

- If you were to sum up the main point of each of those three weeks, how would you summarize them?
- How does this final week, emphasizing L for Lifestyle, flow from the three weeks before it?

Break into smaller groups to discuss the questions Gary posed at the end of the sermon (30 minutes).

As a smaller group, spend the next several minutes researching the following biblical passages on the work of the Holy Spirit, with an eye towards the traits that Gary mentioned in his sermon. If you recall, Gary mentioned four traits of the Holy Spirit found in Romans 8. He talked about the Spirit bringing (1) Help and Hope; (2) Obedience; (3) Love; and (4) a Yielded spirit.

- Assign a trait for each person in your smaller group to look up and find where it fits with Paul's words about the Holy Spirit in Romans 8. Then, after a few minutes, have each person share where they see that trait highlighted in that passage.
- Have each person look up the following verses and draw a line (either with a pen or in your mind) to which trait of the Holy Spirit they most closely apply to. When finished share the reasoning to your answers.

Help and Hope

Romans 15:13

Obedience

2 Corinthians 1:20-21

Love

Galatians 5:22-23

Yielded spirit

Hebrews 6:19

1 Peter 1:22

1 John 4:7-11

Romans 12:1-2

James 4:7



How might a firm understanding of the work of the Spirit help you to see the Spirit's activity in your everyday life?

Return to a large group to discuss the sermon (30 minutes).

- Go around the room and have each person share what stood out from your smaller group discussions.
- Describe one aspect of this sermon that either challenged you, you had questions about, or that deepened your faith.
- Where have you seen the Holy Spirit provide one of His four traits (Help and Hope, Obedience, Love, and a Yielded spirit) to you in your past? Explain.
- Which of those four traits of the Holy Spirit's work in your life (Help and Hope, Obedience, Love, and a Yielded spirit) do you feel like you need most right now? Explain.
- What would a person's lifestyle look like if those traits of the Holy Spirit were fully realized? What would it take for you to realize them in your own life?

Finish with prayer (10 minutes).

Have each person share how they want to have their lifestyle changed more by the Spirit.

Once you've finished discussing, take turns sharing prayer requests. End your group time by praying out loud for one another.



Access extra resources throughout this sermon series by visiting thecreek.org/devotionals.

You'll find:

- Answers to some frequently asked questions about the Holy Spirit.
- Weekly spiritual practices that correlate with Sunday's message.