

MESSAGE GUIDE

Gaining Spiritual Traction, Part 1

“The Indispensable Spirit”



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CONNECT

- If you need help with a project, or jumping your car battery, or simply need some advice, who, *not counting your spouse*, are you most likely to call for help?

STUDY

This past Sunday’s message had us considering the nature and roles of the Holy Spirit. For many, the concept of the Holy Spirit is mysterious and confusing, yet the Bible has a lot of information about who the Spirit is, and what types of things He does. It’s not as if God is trying to make it difficult to understand how the Holy Spirit is meant to work in our lives. Here are a few questions to get your toes wet regarding a study of the Holy Spirit:

- 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19 speak to the idea that the Holy Spirit dwells in believers. What does this mean? Why is it important? Has God always had His Spirit dwelling within His people?
- John 14:16 describes the Holy Spirit as a *helper*. (Some Bible versions use the word *comforter* or *advocate*.) As Christians, what do we need help with? Why do we need comfort? Why are we in need of an advocate?
- Look at John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 2:13-14 and 1 John 2:27. What role of the Holy Spirit do these verses describe? Why do we need the Holy Spirit’s help in this way?

- What does the Holy Spirit do for us according to Ephesians 1:13-14? Why is this important?

- According to Acts 1:8, what does the Holy Spirit provide for the believer? How was this made evident throughout the book of Acts?

APPLY

- Why do you think the topic of the Holy Spirit is often misunderstood? What are some ways that people may misapply the Holy Spirit’s activity?
- In a sentence or two, and using Scripture as a foundation, how would you describe the job description for the Holy Spirit?
- If more Christians were “being filled” (Ephesians 5:18) and “keeping in step” with the Spirit, what would that look like within the life of the church? What would that look like to the unbelieving world?
- What area of your Christian life would you say needs a solid dose of the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit?