LifeGroups

Meeting & Discussion Guide

Week of October 5-10: Engaged by the Spirit

Start with food & fellowship and then gather everyone together.

I**cebreaker:** Share your name and what's your favorite candy/snack?

ANNOUNCEMENT: JOIN US FOR FAMILY FEST!

- **Pray - daily prayer guide (sign up to get the daily emails, or download it online), sign up for a 1 hour prayer slot at Prayer Furnace Extreme on Oct 26.**
- **Give - Give online. Get bikes, scooters, candy - bring to church and drop off in the atrium.**
- **Serve - sign up to volunteer at the event. Something for everyone!**

Worship (Optional) : "Fall Like Rain"
Find the worship lyric video on website: www.tccde.com/lifegroups

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WEEKEND RECAP: The ancient Greek word **pneuma** can mean breath, wind, or spirit. Throughout the New Testament, *pneuma* is commonly used when referring to the Holy Spirit, the human spirit, or invisible spiritual forces. Life with the Spirit isn't merely a theological idea—it's a living, active relationship with God. When we receive salvation, God gives us His Spirit. The Holy Spirit confirms that we belong to God's family and continually transforms us to become more like Him.

Discuss:

- What comes to mind when you think about the Holy Spirit?
- Why do you think Scripture uses images like breath and wind to describe the Spirit?

1. THE SPIRIT GIVES US LIFE
Read: John 3:5–8; Romans 8:10–11
Jesus describes salvation as being "born of the Spirit." The Holy Spirit doesn't simply come alongside the life we already have—He brings new spiritual life. In John 3, Jesus compares the work of the Spirit to the wind. We cannot see the wind itself, but we can hear it and see its effects. In a similar way, the Holy Spirit works within us in ways we may not always be able to see, but His work produces real change. Romans 8:10–11 takes this even further: the Spirit gives life, and the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in those who belong to Christ.

Discuss:

- What do you think Jesus meant when He said that we must be "born of the Spirit"?
- What are some practical signs that someone is experiencing the new life and renewal that comes from the Holy Spirit? Where have you experienced this in your life?

Key Truth: The Christian life isn't simply about becoming a better version of our old selves. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives us new spiritual life.

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2. THE SPIRIT CONFIRMS THAT WE BELONG

Read: Romans 8:14–16

Romans 8 connects being led by the Spirit with being children of God. When we receive God's Spirit, we are adopted into God's family. The Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. The Spirit doesn't simply empower us to do something for God. He establishes our identity as people who belong to God.

Discuss:

- What does being adopted into God's family communicate about how God sees you?
- How might knowing that you are God's child change the way you approach God when you fail, struggle, or feel distant from Him?
- What are some things that can cause us to live more like spiritual orphans than beloved children of God?

Key Truth: The Holy Spirit confirms our identity: we are not slaves trying to earn God's acceptance—we are sons and daughters who belong to Him.

3. THE SPIRIT MAKES US MORE LIKE GOD

Read: 2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:22–23

One of the Spirit's main roles in our lives is transformation. He transforms us. He changes us. He helps us belong to the family. 2 Corinthians 3:18 teaches that the Lord—the Spirit—makes us “more and more like him” as we are changed into His glorious image. We see this transformation expressed through the fruit of the Spirit. The Spirit's work isn't simply about changing our behavior. He is shaping our character so that our lives increasingly reflect Jesus.

Discuss:

- Which fruit of the Spirit do you see developing most clearly in your life right now? What has God been doing to grow it?
- Which fruit feels most difficult for you right now, and why?
- Why is lasting spiritual transformation something that requires the work of the Holy Spirit rather than simply greater willpower?

Key Truth: The Holy Spirit doesn't just change what we do—He changes who we are becoming. His goal is to make us more like Jesus.

Final Reflections: Being led by the Holy Spirit

- What is the difference between asking the Holy Spirit to bless our plans and actually allowing Him to lead our plans?
- What might it look like this week to become more attentive to the Spirit's leading in your everyday life?

PRAYER - Share prayer requests and praise reports and pray for eachother.