



DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 2

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

WARMING UP

- When you pray, what name do you most frequently use for God? Is it Jesus? Father? Lord? Do you ever pray to the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?
- When you think about the Holy Spirit, what comes to mind? What has been your experience with the Holy Spirit?

REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR SHARING

CONFIDENTIALITY • LISTEN • PAUSE • SILENCE • NO “CROSS TALK” • NO FIXING • NO RESCUING
SHARING • SELF-AWARE • “I” STATEMENTS • FIGHT FOR RELATIONSHIP

LINK TO SUNDAY’S MESSAGE

On Sunday, the message title was “Praying with Ears Open.” The focus was on listening to the Holy Spirit and surrendering to His leadership, guidance, etc. Often when we pray, it’s a one-sided dialogue. We often give God our list of prayer requests, but rarely do we listen to what God wants to say, waiting for Him to direct our lives. Why is that? If we’re really going to GO with the gospel, we’ll need to learn how to listen for and hear the voice of God in our lives. As a group, divvy out the following passages, becoming reacquainted with WHO the Holy Spirit is, and then notice in the reading from Acts 16 what a surrendered life looks like.

Read Acts 5:3-4, John 14:26, John 16:7-11, Acts 1:8, Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Corinthians 12:4,7, Romans 8:14, Romans 8:26-27, Acts 16:6-10

DISCUSS

- Which of those verses stands out to you most regarding who the Holy Spirit is?
- What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit and the relationship that Jesus-followers have with the Spirit?
- What’s a practical next step you can take this week to engage your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

CLOSING

- What’s going to change for you in response to what you’ve learned and discussed in this small group?
- How can we be praying for you this week? Close in prayer together.