

The Holy Spirit

Session 4 – The Holy Spirit Speaks to Us Today

1. Introduction: In the last session, we learned that the Scriptures are inspired and that they are inspired by the Holy Spirit. Today, we will consider how the Holy Spirit continues to speak to us today.

- a. Why is it important to believe and trust that God speaks to us today?
- b. How does knowing the Holy Spirit speaks to us today give us peace?
- c. During difficult times, have you found comfort from reading the Bible or remembering a Bible passage?
- d. Last time we discussed how the Word of God was both inspired by the Holy Spirit and living and active. Why is that important to our lives today?

2. God speaks to us through the means of Grace, Baptism and Communion.

- a. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Baptism?
- b. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Communion?

3. God speaks to us through his word.

- a. How does the Holy Spirit speak to us through God's word?
- b. TLD notes, "The Spirit continued to speak through the words of the New Testament apostles. Acts 1:2 tells of the commands Jesus gave the apostles through the Holy Spirit."
- c. Have you had times when reading the Bible that you felt the Holy Spirit speaking to you?
- d. Does focusing on the fact that God speaks to us today through the Scriptures, which were inspired by the Holy Spirit, increase your appreciation of the role of the Holy Spirit?

4. Consider how critical God's word is to our lives. How is the Holy Spirit involved in each of the following?

- a. We base our faith on God's word.
- b. We base our salvation on God's word.

- c. God's world guides our decisions.
- d. We turn to God's word in times of trouble.
- e. We unite around a shared understanding of God's word.
- f. We recognize our sin because of God's word.
- g. We find forgiveness in God's word.
- h. We repent because of God's word.
- i. We are more and more conformed to God's image through his word.

5. Your thoughts, questions, concerns?