

Seven Spirits of Revelation Small Group Guide (week 4)

Small Group Guide: The Spirit of Counsel

Opening Prayer:

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and help everyone gain wisdom from His Spirit of Counsel.

Key Takeaways:

1. The Spirit of Counsel is one of the seven aspects of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Revelation.
2. God's counsel is steady and unchanging, unlike worldly advice.
3. The Holy Spirit acts as our Counselor, guiding us in God's perfect plan for our lives and humanity.
4. God's plan for us is within the context of His greater plan for the restoration of humanity.
5. The Spirit of Counsel provides divine strategy when human means are exhausted.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you typically seek guidance when facing important decisions? How might incorporating the Spirit of Counsel change your approach?
2. The sermon mentions that God's plan for us is within His greater plan for humanity. How does this perspective shift your understanding of God's guidance in your life?
3. Discuss a time when you felt the Holy Spirit guiding you. How did you recognize it was the Spirit's counsel?
4. The sermon talks about the Hebrew word "etsah" for counsel. How does understanding God's counsel as "sound advice, guidance, or strategy" impact your view of seeking His direction?
5. How can we differentiate between our own thoughts and the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

6. The pastor mentioned four practical ways to hear from God. Which of these do you find most challenging, and why?

7. How might our church community benefit from collectively seeking the Spirit of Counsel more intentionally?

Practical Applications:

1. Scripture Study: Commit to reading a chapter of Proverbs each day this week, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal God's wisdom to you.

2. Prayer Journal: Start a prayer journal where you write down decisions you're facing and the guidance you believe you're receiving from the Holy Spirit.

3. Accountability: Partner with someone in the group to check in daily about seeking the Spirit's counsel before making decisions.

4. Serve Others: Look for an opportunity this week to serve someone else, being mindful of how focusing on others might open you up to unexpected guidance from God.

5. Media Fast: Take a break from social media for a few days and use that time to read the Bible and listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Life Change Challenge:

As mentioned in the sermon, make a conscious effort this week to pause, pray, and open the Word before making decisions, rather than turning first to friends, social media, or your own instincts.

Closing Prayer:

End your session by praying for each other, asking the Holy Spirit to guide each group member in the coming week and to help everyone be more attuned to His counsel.