

Seven Spirits of Revelation Week Two Small Group Guide

Small Group Guide: The Spirit of Wisdom

Opening Question:

Share about a time when you felt uncertain about a decision and wished for clear guidance from God. How did you handle that situation?

Key Takeaways:

1. The Spirit of Wisdom is an attribute of the Holy Spirit that provides profound discernment rooted in God's character.
2. Wisdom in Scripture (sophia, chokmah) implies not just intellect, but skillful, ethical insight aligned with God's purposes.
3. The Spirit of Wisdom enables us to ethically and morally discern God's will and purposes.
4. Relying on the Spirit of Wisdom counters our human tendency to strive and "make things happen" on our own.
5. The Spirit of Wisdom enlightens the "eyes of our hearts," giving us knowledge of hope, inheritance, and power in Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding the Spirit of Wisdom as part of the Holy Spirit's fullness change your perspective on seeking God's guidance?
2. The sermon mentions the church in Sardis being "alive in name only." In what ways might we be at risk of falling into this trap in our own spiritual lives or church community?
3. Discuss the statement: "A yielded life is a directed life." What does this mean to you, and how can we practice yielding to God in our daily decisions?

4. How can the Spirit of Wisdom help us navigate the cultural challenges we face today, similar to how it empowered early Christians under Roman rule?

5. The sermon suggests that the Spirit of Wisdom can bring "joy-filled peace" even in unsettled times. Share an experience where you've felt this kind of peace despite difficult circumstances.

6. How might relying on the Spirit of Wisdom change our approach to problem-solving in various areas of life (e.g., work, relationships, finances)?

Practical Application:

1. This week, before making any significant decision, pause and pray Ephesians 1:17: "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him."

2. Keep a journal this week. Write down the decisions you're facing, your prayers for wisdom, and any insights or guidance you receive. At the end of the week, reflect on how this practice impacted your decision-making and closeness to God.

3. Identify an area in your life where you've been relying on your own strength or wisdom. Make a conscious effort to surrender this area to God, asking for the Spirit of Wisdom to guide you.

4. As a group, commit to memorizing Zechariah 4:6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Discuss how you can remind each other of this truth in the coming week.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit and the wisdom He provides. Help us to rely less on our own understanding and more on Your guidance. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which you've called us. Empower us to live wisely in service to You and in our relationships with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.