



- Whatever you believe about the Holy Spirit, you should be able to define through **scripture**.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. John 14:26 (ESV)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth... John 16:13 (NLT)

- We need an **experience** with the Holy Spirit, not just an explanation of the Spirit.

What it means to be led by the Spirit:

- Looking to God for **direction** for my life.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

- Being **surrendered** to God's design and desires for my life.

"My God, I want to do what you want. Your teachings are in my heart." Psalm 40:8 (NCV)

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. Romans 8:5

Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. Galatians 6:8 (NLT)

- Following the Spirit's **promptings** in my life.

The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts...Luke 2:26-27

"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there." Acts 20:22

Why this is important:

- It identifies **who** we are.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:14 (NLT)

- It identifies **whose** we are.

For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we really are God's children. Romans 8:16 (TLB)

How we are led by the Spirit:

- Through the **scriptures**.

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105
2 Tim. 3:15-17

Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil. Psalm 119:133 (NLT)

- Through **Visions**.

Acts 16:9-10 (ESV).

- Through **dreams**.

For God speaks again and again... He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night. Job 33:14-15 (NLT)
(Acts 2:17)

- Through other **believers**.

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit...1 Corinthians 12:7-8a

When a perfect God speaks through an imperfect person, there is always a chance that the person will **mess it up**.

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. 1 John 4:1 (NLT)

- Through the Spirit's **voice**.

We don't necessarily hear with our **ears**, but with our **heart**.

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." Acts 8:29-31 (NLT)

You will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way. Follow it, whether it turns to the right or to the left." Isaiah 30:21

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:25 (NLT)

Action Steps:

- Listen for the Holy Spirit to **lead your steps**.

- Don't just read the Bible, let **the Bible read you**.

26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. John 14:26 (NLT)

- Think about what would **please** the Spirit.

5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. Romans 8:5 (NLT)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Why?
- Do you have any Ghost Stories that caused you to distance yourself from the Holy Spirit?
- Do you believe that you can defend what you believe about the Holy Spirit?
- In your own words what does it mean to be led by the Spirit?
- What does it mean to "follow the Spirit's promptings"?
- Are you led by the Spirit? Read Romans 8:14, Does that scripture encourage you?
- Read Romans 8:16, Have you ever felt the Spirit remind you that you belong to Him?
- Go through the points under the heading: "How we are led by the Spirit." Have you experienced these ways the Spirit leads us? Do you have a difficult time allowing God to speak to you through others? Explain.
- Have you experienced someone messing up God's word to you?
- Talk through the Action steps. What are some practical step we can take from these?

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