



Breakout Sessions

Real Life in Step*

Teen Breakout Session

Leaders: Amanda Rodriguez + Emily Cogliano

Offered during Breakout #1

In this interactive session, teens will explore what it looks like to “keep in step” with the Holy Spirit. Teens will leave with a practical plan for implementing Spirit-led habits they can start immediately and a reminder that God isn’t asking for perfection, He’s inviting them into a real relationship and daily guidance.

Mosaic Dove*

Creative Crafting

Leaders: Gerrylynn Ferguson + Jodi Wenz

Offered during Breakouts #1 + #2

Throughout Scripture, the dove has served as a powerful symbol of the Holy Spirit—present at Jesus’ baptism. In this creative session, attendees will construct a mosaic dove ornament. No artistic experience necessary! It’s an opportunity to slow down, be present, and reflect on the Spirit’s gentle, beautiful work in your life. Each attendee will take home their finished piece as a reminder of the day.

More Than Words

How the Spirit Illuminates Scripture

Leaders: Jen Wollner + Laurie Sawall

Offered during Breakouts #1 + #2

Have you ever read a Bible verse and felt like it was written just for you, like God was speaking directly into your situation? That’s not a coincidence. That is the Holy Spirit. Scripture isn’t just an ancient text, it’s a living word that the Spirit uses to speak directly into your life, your questions, and your story. In this session, every attendee will leave with a personal framework for reading Scripture in a way that opens the door for the Spirit to speak.

Praying in Step

Prayer Walking

Leader: Mikaela Gitto

Offered during Breakouts #1 + #2

Through a guided prayer walk, participants will learn how to dedicate space to surrender specific struggles and listen for the Spirit’s leading. Wear comfortable shoes and come ready to breathe, walk, and pray.

Discover Your Design

Spiritual Gifts

Leaders: Elizabeth Cole + Lexi Ellis

Offered during Breakouts #1 + #2

God, through His Spirit, has uniquely gifted every believer for the building up of the body of Christ. This session explores the purpose of spiritual gifts: why they are given, how they function within the church, and why every gift matters. Attendees will be provided with a spiritual gifts survey and leave with an understanding of how they can take practical next steps for putting their gifts to work.

When Vision Comes Slowly

A Reflective Moment to Discern the Spirit's Leading

Leaders: Stef Ottmar + Debby Rowe

Offered during Breakouts #1 + #2

In Mark 8, when Jesus heals the blind man, his sight doesn't come back all at once—clarity comes gradually. In the same way, spiritual growth often begins with partial vision. We learn the disciplines, we practice them, but transformation takes time. Through this guided session, attendees will reflect on where the Holy Spirit may be leading by paying attention to the presence—or absence—of the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. Rather than striving to manufacture change, we'll explore self-examination and confession like never before. Like the blind man, as we remain with Jesus, He brings clearer vision over time, shaping Christlike character in us.

Seen, Led, and Empowered

Panel Discussion on the Holy Spirit in Everyday Life

Moderator: TBD

Panelists: Margaret Fiedler, Meagan Gulak, Elaine Houdek

Offered during Breakout #2

Hear from Oakwood women who have experienced the Holy Spirit's conviction, comfort, guidance, and gifting in deeply personal ways and explore together what it means to be a Spirit-led woman in the world today. Attendees will have opportunity to submit their questions and gain practical wisdom for keeping in step with the Spirit.

**Recommended track for teens:*

Breakout #1: Real Life in Step

Breakout #2: Mosaic Dove

