

# CHAPTER 4 - LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

## ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- What has your experience of the Holy Spirit been in the past? What were you taught to believe about the Holy Spirit (if anything) growing up?

## INTRODUCTION

The life of a Christian is to be marked by the presence and power of God himself. This is made possible because God the Father and God the Son have sent God the Holy Spirit into the Church. Our lives can be filled with the very presence of God himself, if we come to God in trusting, obedient faith. In this chapter, we'll explore what such a Spirit-saturated life can look like. The Holy Spirit isn't a force or a feeling, he is God; the third Person of the Trinity, and the One promised to dwell within God's people. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we now have the Spirit of God living on the inside of us. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit to live godly lives, advance God's mission, and know God intimately.

## DISCUSSION

- What is something new you learned in the Scriptures this week? Was anything confusing or difficult to understand?
- Pick 2-3 "Study" questions from the chapter to discuss. Here are a few possible places to start:
  - Exercise 1, Study Question 4
  - Exercise 3, Study Questions 1 & 3
  - Exercise 4, Study Questions 1 & 2

## APPLICATION

- Have you had an encounter with the Spirit? Have you asked him for his gifts and power to be released in your life?
- Pick 1-2 "Reflect" and "Respond" exercises to discuss. For example:
  - Exercise 2, Respond
  - Exercise 5, Reflect

## PRAYER

Spend time in prayer as a group, asking for God to grow the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit in your lives. Encourage group members who already practice spiritual gifts such as praying in tongues or prophesy to use those gifts during this prayer time.

If this discussion brought up big questions about the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts, point your group members to Encounter Weekend as a great next step for them! You can also lean on your section leader and Pastors or staff to help navigate any tricky questions that came up.