

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Guidance

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The Spirit reveals God's mind or wisdom to guide us. How amazing to think that through the Spirit we can actually know the mind of the One who created us and all things? But how do we quiet the noise around and within us enough to hear the Spirit's voice? In silence and stillness, the Spirit teaches, guides, and empowers us for Christ-like living.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:11-13

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

We know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus taught a lot during his three years of public ministry. He told people about the Kingdom of God and how they were to live in this new Kingdom reality. We can guess that our four Gospels capture only a fraction of what Jesus taught during those three years. And unlike us, Jesus' disciples didn't have a written account of his teachings. They only had what they could remember. And those who wanted to follow the way of Jesus in future generations only had the oral traditions that were passed down. How would these disciples, who loved Jesus and wanted to follow in his ways, possibly remember everything he taught?

The answer, according to Jesus, is that God would send them the Holy Spirit, God's living presence, to live within each one of them. And the Spirit would teach them and remind them of everything that Jesus had taught. And that was the experience of Jesus' disciples after his death and resurrection. The same is true for us. The Spirit, who knows the mind of God, lives in you, teaching and guiding you. Have you ever been in a worship service and suddenly the words of a song we're singing or something in the sermon speaks directly to a situation you're facing in life? That's the Spirit at work. Or perhaps you're praying about an important decision that you're wrestling with or a significant problem that you've been trying to solve and seemingly out of the blue you have a flash of clarity about what you need to do. That's the Spirit at work.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a big decision you had to make. How did you go about making that decision?
- How does this passage give us a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in our life?
- Has there been a time when you could feel the Spirit at work in your life? Share the story.
- What has helped you find stillness and silence in order to hear the Spirit's voice?

APPLICATION: This week, find some time for intentional stillness and silence. Breathe deeply and clear your mind. How might the Spirit be leading you this week? Trust that the Spirit is at work within you.