

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Alive: The Spirit Conspiracy

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There are rippling, concentric circles of people that the Spirit of God wants to touch and bless with love, and we're the ones through whom the Spirit wants to work. That's the Spirit Conspiracy. That's how God works. God works through one to touch another. When we all play our part, God brings a thriving sense of blessing and love to the world. Are you ready to join the conspiracy?

SCRIPTURE TEXT: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

In the passage from Colossians 3:12-17, the Apostle Paul challenges Christ-followers in every local faith community with some practical teaching about being partners in the Spirit Conspiracy and how to bring blessing, love, life, and more life to others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discuss the clothing trends you have observed/embraced throughout your life. Describe an outfit you wore in the past that exemplifies a trend. Would you wear that same outfit today?
- Re-read Colossians 3:12-15 and identify the character traits that Paul highlights. How have you clothed yourself with these qualities throughout your life? Do these qualities ever “go out of style?” Share a story about a time you wore one of these qualities well. Share about a personal “wardrobe malfunction”/a time you failed to wear one of these qualities well. How did you/do you intend to grow from that experience?
- Think back on the list of qualities you identified in Colossians 3:12-15. Can you think of another Bible passage that contains a similar list? What is that list called? (See Galatians 5:22-23)
- Scripture is filled with passages linking the Holy Spirit to breath. (Read Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4, Psalm 150:6, John 16:4-15, and John 20:19-23.) To conspire literally means to breathe together, so the source of the word “conspiracy” is rooted in the idea of being so united in thinking/purpose that you are breathing the same air. Share a story about a time you conspired with somebody in a positive way. What did you accomplish together? Could you have accomplished that thing on your own?
- The Spirit of God wants to conspire with us to bless others. Have you ever conspired with the Spirit? What did you accomplish together? Could you have accomplished that thing on your own?

APPLICATION: This week, join the Spirit Conspiracy! Think about how you can conspire/breathe together in unison with the Spirit to bring blessing to your circles of influence. Then pray that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, those blessings will ripple far beyond what you can see to spread blessing throughout the world.