



# THE SUNDAY MESSAGE


## WHO IS THE HOLY GHOST?

*sunday 25 april*

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.


*What was your understanding of the Holy Spirit before this week's message?*

We heard that the Holy Spirit is God, has a personality and is a Presence like Jesus. He is the power of God on earth.

 Look at **John 14:16-17** and **John 16:7** – they show us that the Holy Spirit is not a thing or an 'it'. He is part of God the person of God.


*Why is having the Holy Spirit being active in our lives such as important part of our walk with Christ?*

*How is the Holy Spirit being in us better than having Jesus on earth with us?*

 Read Acts 19:1-2 and Acts 7:51

These verses show that many of us are living a Spirit-less life by either not being aware of the Holy Spirit or resisting the Holy Spirit. These are probably the two most common reasons believers do not live a Spirit-filled life, it is simply ignorance or fear.

*Are there ways you leading a Spirit-less life currently? If so, what are they?*

 Read John 16:12-13, Isaiah 30:31 and John 16:8-9.

These verses show how the Holy Spirit is the voice of God we need to guide us.

*When you think back, can you see a time when the Holy Spirit was leading you?*

*Did He **comfort**, **counsel** or **convict** you? Has He **empowered** you?*

*Describe how you need His presence in your life. What steps are you willing to take to live a Spirit-filled life?*

Someone asked this: "Do you know some Christians who seem to have more power than you? Do you know why that is?"  
"The answer is they have more power than you."

## NEXT STEPS

Here are more specific things you can do this week to learn more about the Holy Spirit and help you to have a more Spirit-filled life.

*Attend one of the **special evening services** during this series. Thursday nights for City & East campuses and Sunday evenings for South campus. When we make a sacrifice of time and convenience to seek the Holy Spirit we will find He responds.*

Read some books about the Holy Spirit and His Baptism. We recommend 'A Handbook on the Holy Spirit Baptism' by Don Basham; 'Good Morning Holy Spirit' by Benny Hinn; 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit' by Derek Prince and 'Alpha Questions of Life' (chapters 8, 9 & 10) by Nicky Gumbel. Feel free to download the booklet by Luke Brough The Ministry of the Holy Spirit.

*Spend time in prayer this week seeking a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Pray and allow Him to help you. Use the prayer guide in the box. If you pray in heavenly languages (tongues) increase the amount of time you spend praying this way – it will build you up.*

*Use these prayer tips to guide your time with God this week to expand your conversations with Him and other believers.*

Read John 14:16-17. Thank God in prayer for the Holy Spirit. Seek to develop a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit by spending more time listening for His voice.

Read Acts 19:1-2 & 7:51. Pray and ask God to help you become more aware of the Holy Spirit in your life and to not resist His direction.

Read John 14:15-17. Commit to obey when the Holy Spirit leads you. Pray that God will help you be more responsive to His voice.

Read John 16:13. Pray about any situations that you need guidance from God. Ask for the Holy Spirit's counsel (His wise and perfect advice).

Read John 16:7-8. Confess in prayer any sin that is in your life. Let the Holy Spirit convict you and change you from the inside out. The Holy Spirit's conviction is specific, helpful, achievable and provides hope; satan makes a counterfeit of this with guilt and shame which is general, condemning and leaves you feeling hopeless.