



Fall 2025 Chapel Series

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH US

Discussion Guide

(PT. 2) THE PROPHETIC SPIRIT

KEY SCRIPTURES: 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; John 16:12-15

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I. WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

II. RECALLING THE MESSAGE

- **Message Summary:** In this message, we will explore the Holy Spirit's primary role as the prophetic Spirit who testifies to and reveals the person and work of Christ. We will see how the Spirit spoke through the prophets of old (2 Peter 1:16–21), how he illuminates the whole of Christ's identity (1 Peter 1:10–12), and how he speaks nothing but Christ today (John 16:12–15). We will consider how the ultimate test for any prophetic voice—our own or others'—is whether it points us to the truth of Jesus Christ.
- What stood out to you from the message about the Spirit's role in prophecy and revelation?
- Did the sermon challenge any previous ideas you had about what it means for the Spirit to "speak"?

III. DIVING DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

- **The Spirit Speaks Christ (2 Peter 1:16–21)**
 - This passage describes the process of prophecy. How does Peter's statement in verse 21, "For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit," inform your understanding of biblical authority?
 - How do these verses show that the Spirit's revelation is not new information, but the unfolding of truth that has been there from the very beginning?
 - In what ways is the Spirit's work in inspiring Scripture a crucial foundation for our faith?

- **The Spirit Speaks the Whole Christ (1 Peter 1:10–12)**
 - The prophets "searched intently" to understand the Christ they were prophesying about. What does this suggest about the relationship between the Holy Spirit's inspiration and human effort?
 - This passage highlights that the prophets were speaking of a glory that was yet to come, a glory they themselves did not fully comprehend. How does this demonstrate the Spirit's comprehensive plan in redemptive history?
 - How does the Spirit's work, in both inspiring the prophets and in revealing Christ to us, unify the Old and New Testaments?

- **The Spirit Speaks Nothing But the Christ (John 16:12–15)**
 - Jesus says the Spirit "will not speak on his own authority" but "will take what is mine and declare it to you." What does this statement reveal about the nature of the Holy Spirit and his relationship to Jesus?
 - How does this passage serve as a "test" for any teaching or prophecy you encounter? What does it mean for a teaching to "speak Christ"?
 - The Spirit's work is to "glorify" Christ. What are some practical ways that the Spirit might glorify Jesus in your life today?

IV. PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- Considering the messages you hear, the books you read, and the counsel you receive, how can you discern whether the "prophetic spirits" you are encountering are truly speaking Christ?
- In what areas of your life or faith do you need the Holy Spirit to illuminate more of who Jesus is?
- How does the truth that the Spirit speaks nothing but Christ move you to greater trust in God's Word?

V. GROUP PRAYER

- Pray together, asking the Holy Spirit to help the group to discern his voice and to draw each member into a deeper knowledge of Christ.
- Concluding remarks and encouragement.