



Fall 2025 Chapel Series

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH US

Discussion Guide

(PT. 4) THE PROMISED GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

KEY SCRIPTURES: John 7:37-39; Jeremiah 32:36-41; Ezekiel 36: 23-32

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I. WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

II. RECALLING THE MESSAGE

- **Message Summary:** In this message, we will trace the Old Testament promise of the Holy Spirit to its fulfillment in Christ. The prophets Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36:23–32) and Jeremiah (Jeremiah 32:36–41) spoke of a new covenant where God would give His people a new heart and a new spirit, enabling them to obey Him. Jesus, in John 7:37–39, declares Himself the source of living water, which is the promised Spirit. This sermon will show that the Holy Spirit is not an optional add-on to the Christian life but a central and promised gift that makes genuine, Spirit-filled life and obedience possible.
- How did the message connect the Old Testament prophecies about the Holy Spirit to Jesus's words in the New Testament?
- What new insights did you gain about the Holy Spirit as a "promised gift" for believers?

III. DIVING DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

- **The Promise of a New Heart and Spirit (Ezekiel 36:23–32; Jeremiah 32:36–41)**
 - The prophets promise that God will give His people a "new heart" and "a new spirit." How do these phrases describe the internal transformation necessary for living a life of obedience to God?
 - These passages show that God is the one who initiates this transformation. How does this challenge the idea that we can achieve spiritual change on our own?
 - What do these prophecies say about the ultimate purpose of this promised gift?

- **The Promise Fulfilled in Christ (John 7:37–39)**

- What is the significance of Jesus standing up and shouting, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink"? What kind of thirst is he talking about?
- Jesus equates the "rivers of living water" with the Holy Spirit. How does this image of a flowing river contrast with the Old Testament descriptions of the Spirit's work?
- This passage says that the Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified. What does this mean, and how does it emphasize the connection between Christ's work and the giving of the Spirit?

IV. PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- In what ways do you see your own need for the promised gift of the Spirit to change your heart and enable you to live a life that honors God?
- How does the imagery of "rivers of living water" impact your view of the Holy Spirit's presence and work in your life?
- As the recipient of this promised gift, what is your role in cooperating with the Spirit in your daily life?

V. GROUP PRAYER

- Pray together, thanking God for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to help you live by the Spirit and to honor God in all that you do.
- Concluding remarks and encouragement.