



Fall 2025 Chapel Series

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH US

Discussion Guide

(PT. 5) THE REGENERATING SPIRIT

KEY SCRIPTURES: John 3:1-8; Ezekiel 36:25-28; Ezekiel 37:1-14

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I. WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

II. RECALLING THE MESSAGE

- **Message Summary:** This message explores the Holy Spirit as the "Regenerating Spirit," focusing on the concept of rebirth (John 3:1-8). We will examine how this new birth, which is birthing again, from above, by the will of God, fulfills God's Old Testament promises to Israel, particularly the promise in Ezekiel 36 to "give you a new heart and give you a new spirit." The new birth is a foundational, supernatural work of the Spirit that enables obedience and authentic new life in Christ. We will see that while the Spirit's workings may be mysterious, like the wind (John 3:8), the effects of new life are visible and have profound consequences, as "there are lives attached to your 'yes.'"
- The message defined regeneration as "the rebirth." What is the biggest contrast between a self-reformed life and a Spirit-regenerated life?
- What stood out to you from the sermon about "the where, the how, and the who of the Spirit" in the process of being "born again"?

III. DIVING DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

- **The New Birth and Obedience (Ezekiel 36:25-28)**
 - Ezekiel 36 promises, "*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you*" (v. 26). How is this Old Testament promise connected to the New Testament concept of being born again?
 - The sermon mentioned that regeneration is a "rebirth for obedience." In what ways does having a new heart and new Spirit, as promised here, enable believers to genuinely follow God's commands in a way that was previously impossible?

- How does the imagery of God putting his Spirit *in* them (Ezekiel 37:14) relate to Jesus's later promise of "living water" flowing from the believer?
- **The Mysterious and Sovereign Work (John 3:1–8)**
 - Jesus tells Nicodemus that the new birth is "*from above*." How does this statement stress that regeneration is a sovereign, creative act of God, rather than a choice or ritual performed by man?
 - Jesus compares the Spirit's work to the wind: "*You can see the effects of the wind, but not the wind*" (v. 8). What does this teach us about the mysterious yet undeniable reality of the Spirit's work in a person's life?
 - Based on the discussion, what are the visible "effects of the wind" that we should expect to see in a person who is truly "born of the Spirit"?

IV. PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- The sermon noted, "*There are lives attached to your 'yes'.*" If the Spirit gives you a new life for the purpose of obedience and witness, what specific "yes" to God do you need to make this week?
- Reflect on the phrase, "*I will put your spirit in them*" (Ezekiel 37). How does the reality of the indwelling Spirit empower you to face discouragement, temptation, or failure?
- How does knowing that God's promise to Israel is being fulfilled in your own "born again" experience inspire confidence in God's faithfulness?

V. GROUP PRAYER

- Pray together, thanking God for the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to help the group members identify and cultivate the fruit of the Spirit that testifies to their new birth.
- Concluding remarks and encouragement.