



Fall 2025 Chapel Series

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH US

Discussion Guide

(PT. 9) THE REVEALING SPIRIT

KEY SCRIPTURES: 1 Corinthians 2:6–16; 1 John 2:26–27

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I. WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

II. RECALLING THE MESSAGE

- **Message Summary:** This message explores the Holy Spirit's essential work in unveiling spiritual truth to the believer. The Spirit acts as our divine **Revealer**, enabling us to comprehend the mystery of the Gospel, as discussed in 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. He moves us beyond mere human wisdom to grasp the profound, God-given wisdom revealed in Christ. Furthermore, the Spirit is the **Anointing** (1 John 2:26-27) that resides in every believer, granting spiritual discernment and teaching us the essential truths of the faith. Because of the Spirit's anointing, Christians are equipped to discern error and stand firm in Christ without needing constant new human instruction.
- What key difference did the message highlight between "human wisdom" and the "spiritual wisdom" revealed by the Holy Spirit?
- John says the "anointing" teaches you about everything. How does this reality simplify or complicate your view of seeking out truth or teaching today?

III. DIVING DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

- **The Spirit Reveals God's Wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:6–16)**
 - Paul notes that "we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God" (v. 7). Why was this wisdom hidden, and why is the Holy Spirit necessary to reveal it, even though the Gospel message is simple?
 - Verse 14 says, "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God... for they are spiritually discerned." Describe a moment when you realized a truth of the Bible that you could not have understood by mere intellect alone.

- How does the Spirit enable us to "have the mind of Christ" (v. 16), and how should this affect our judgment and understanding of current cultural issues?
- **The Spirit Grants Discernment (1 John 2:26–27)**
 - John addresses false teachers and reminds the believers of the "anointing that you received from him," which he says is true and teaches you about everything. What does the "anointing" mean in this context (The Holy Spirit's presence)?
 - The passage says, "you have no need that anyone should teach you" (v. 27). This can be confusing since we have teachers and pastors. What specific type of instruction or foundational truth is the Spirit guaranteeing to the believer here?
 - If the Spirit teaches us everything we need for salvation and growth, what is the ongoing purpose and value of human teachers and Christian community?

IV. PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- When you read the Bible, do you primarily approach it for academic information (human wisdom) or for spiritual transformation (Spirit-revealed wisdom)? What is one change you could make to better rely on the Revealing Spirit when reading?
- How can you lean on the Spirit's "anointing" this week to help you discern truth from error when consuming news, social media, or other cultural narratives?
- What is one practical way you can use the knowledge the Spirit has revealed to you to encourage or guide someone else in your life this week?

V. GROUP PRAYER

- Pray together, thanking God that the Holy Spirit reveals the depths of His wisdom to us. Ask the Spirit to give you spiritual discernment and a greater capacity to grasp the truth of Scripture.
- Concluding remarks and encouragement.