



Fall 2025 Chapel Series

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH US

Discussion Guide

(PT. 11) THE TEACHING SPIRIT

KEY SCRIPTURES: John 15:26-6:15; Ephesians 1:15-23

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I. WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

II. RECALLING THE MESSAGE

- **Message Summary:** This message explores the Holy Spirit's primary role as the Teacher and Illuminator who guides believers into all truth. Drawing from Christ's words in John 15-16, we see that the Spirit's teaching is fundamentally Christ-centric: He testifies about Jesus, convicts the world of its need for Him, and speaks only what He hears from the Father, thereby glorifying the Son. The Spirit reveals profound truth that the apostles themselves could not yet bear (John 16:12-15). Furthermore, in Ephesians 1:15-23, the message highlights Paul's prayer that God would grant believers a "spirit of wisdom and of revelation" to fully know the hope of their calling, the riches of their inheritance, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power toward them. The Teaching Spirit doesn't just reveal new information; He illuminates our understanding of what we already possess in Christ.
- The message emphasized that the Holy Spirit's teaching always points back to and glorifies Jesus Christ. What is one specific truth about Jesus that the Spirit has recently highlighted or illuminated for you?
- The Spirit's work is called a "spirit of wisdom and of revelation" (Eph. 1:17). In what area of your life do you currently feel you most need divine wisdom?

III. DIVING DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

- **The Spirit's Testimonial and Teaching (John 15:26–16:15)**
 - Jesus says, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will bear witness about me, and you also will bear witness" (15:26-27). How is the Holy Spirit's testimony about Christ inextricably linked to our own ability to share the Gospel?

- Jesus told His disciples He still had many things to tell them, "but you cannot bear them now" (16:12). What does this suggest about the progressive nature of the Holy Spirit's teaching in a believer's life?
- Verse 16:14 says the Spirit "will take what is mine and declare it to you." In practical terms, what does it look like when the Spirit "declares" truth to you—is it an intellectual understanding, a sudden clarity, or something else?
- **The Illumination of the Heart (Ephesians 1:15–23)**
 - Paul prays that God may give believers "a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him" (v. 17). What is the difference between having knowledge *about* God and having revelation *in the knowledge* of Him?
 - The goal of the Spirit's revelation is to know three things: the hope of His calling, the riches of our inheritance, and the greatness of His power (v. 18–19). Which of these three truths is most difficult for you to grasp and truly believe? Why?
 - Paul prays for the *eyes of our hearts* to be enlightened (v. 18). How does the Holy Spirit move truth from our intellect (head knowledge) to our heart (conviction and application)?

IV. PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- If the Holy Spirit is guiding you into *all* truth, what current habit or practice in your life might you need to submit to His teaching authority this week?
- When you pray, do you regularly ask for the "spirit of wisdom and revelation"? How can you incorporate Ephesians 1:17–19 into your daily prayer routine?
- What is one practical way you can cooperate with the Teaching Spirit to "declare" or testify about Christ to someone else this week?

V. GROUP PRAYER

- Pray together, thanking God for the Holy Spirit, our infallible Teacher. Ask the Spirit to give you wisdom, enlighten the eyes of your heart, and glorify Christ by revealing the truth of His power and inheritance to you.
- Concluding remarks and encouragement.