



Fall 2025 Chapel Series

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH US

Discussion Guide

(PT. 10) THE GUIDING 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 active, detailed, and often surprising role in directing the mission of the early church, as powerfully demonstrated in the book of Acts. We will observe how the **Guiding Spirit** intervenes to lead individuals like Philip to an Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8), directs Ananias to the recently converted persecutor Saul (Acts 9), and, most dramatically, orchestrates the meeting between Peter and the Roman centurion Cornelius (Acts 10). This divine guidance reveals that the Spirit not only directs our personal paths but actively breaks down ethnic, social, and religious barriers to ensure the Gospel reaches "every nation."
- The message highlighted the active, specific direction of the Holy Spirit in Acts. What recent decision, big or small, do you wish you had sought the Spirit's explicit guidance on?
- The Spirit's guidance often led the apostles *out* of their comfort zones (like Peter going to a Gentile's house). What spiritual or relational "comfort zone" does the Spirit seem to be challenging you to leave right now?

III. DIVING DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

- **The Spirit's Specific Direction (Acts 8:26–39)**
 - The angel and the Spirit gave Philip very specific, step-by-step instructions ("Rise and go," "Go over and join"). What steps can we take to be better listeners for the Spirit's specific direction in our daily lives?
 - Philip was ready and immediately obedient. What common obstacles (fear, busyness, doubt) prevent us from immediately obeying the Spirit's prompting?
- **The Spirit's Challenging Call (Acts 9:10–19)**
 - Ananias, upon hearing the Lord's instruction to visit Saul, expressed his hesitation ("Lord, I have heard from many about this man"). When has the Spirit asked you to do

something that seemed counter-intuitive or even dangerous, requiring you to overcome your rational fears?

- The Lord assured Ananias that Saul was a "chosen instrument" (v. 15). How does remembering God's sovereignty and purpose for people (even those you disagree with or fear) help you follow the Spirit's guidance toward them?
- **The Spirit's Boundary-Breaking Mission (Acts 10:1–48)**
 - Peter had to overcome deep cultural and religious traditions before agreeing to visit a Gentile, a process God initiated through a repeated vision. What entrenched traditions or preferences (in church life or personal evangelism) do we need the Spirit to disrupt today?
 - When the Gentiles received the Holy Spirit, Peter concluded, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" (v. 47). What does this teach us about the Spirit's role in affirming and validating ministry to new and unexpected groups of people?

IV. PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- Think about the next 48 hours. Is there one specific individual or one place where you sense the Spirit nudging you to "go over and join" for the purpose of sharing the Gospel or showing love?
- When you pray for guidance, are you mostly asking for a plan or a person? How might changing your prayer focus help you be more available to the Guiding Spirit?

V. GROUP PRAYER

- Pray for the sensitivity to hear the Spirit's voice. Ask for the courage and faith to obey the Spirit, especially when His guidance leads to unexpected or challenging people and places.
- Concluding remarks and encouragement.