

THE
HOLY SPIRIT
IS FOR YOU

ROCK SPRINGS CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY



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A WORD FROM PASTOR BENNY TATE



Rock Springs Small Groups,

Hello and welcome to the Rock Springs Church Holy Spirit Bible study!

In my 30 years of pastoring Rock Springs Church, I have found that our greatest growth comes from times of studying the Holy Spirit.

Each week, you will find a short video teaching that is accompanied with a lesson summary, focus verse, and group discussion questions. It is my hope that this study increases your knowledge of the Holy Spirit and brings you closer to Christ in your spiritual walk.

Whether you are a part of a small life group or in a full classroom, this study is meant to be done collectively. If you are a group leader, congratulations on the opportunity to help guide others as you work together through this study. If you're a group member, I encourage you to dedicate time to attending and participating with your fellow members to better receive the enriching benefits of learning as a community.

If you are new to Christianity, I pray that this study answers questions you may have and gives you greater insight into a relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you are a life-long believer, I know this study will help you dig even deeper into your faith.

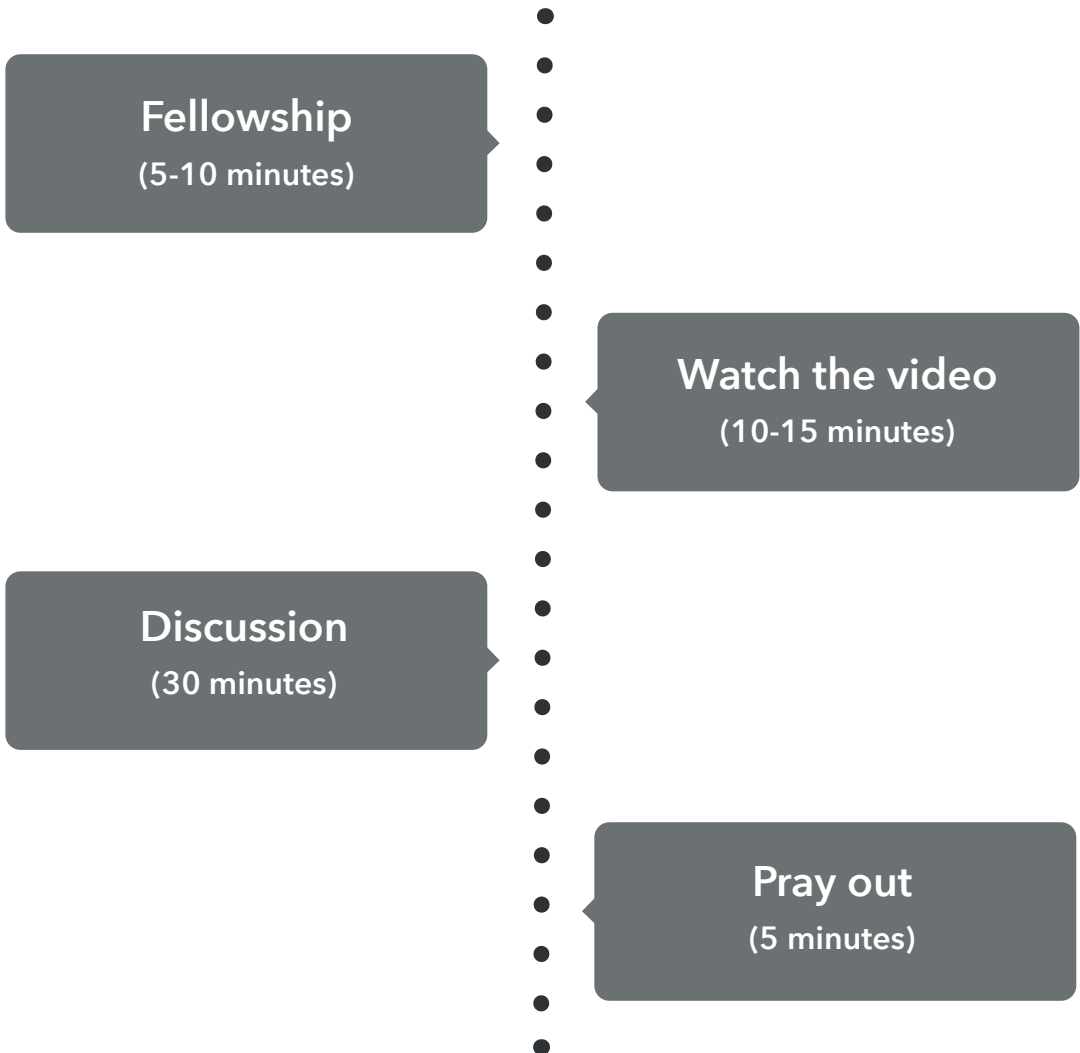
I am honored that you have chosen to allow me to walk with you through understanding and experiencing the Holy Spirit in a greater way!

With my prayers for your journey,

Benny Tate

LEADER GUIDE

SUGGESTED GROUP MEETING



WHY EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be ye filled with the spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

EPHESIANS 5:18-21

LESSON SUMMARY

Accepting Christ is more than just having "fire insurance." A true relationship with the Holy Spirit allows us to experience a greater, more fulfilling life. In this week's lesson, we will see three key points about how Christians should interact with the Holy Spirit.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

1. The _____ to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

2. The _____ for being filled with the Spirit.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____ yourself fully

“

There's nothing worse than a full church of half-full people.

- BENNY TATE

3. The _____ of being filled with the Spirit.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

“

Before we pray "God fill us", we should pray "God empty us."

- D.L. MOODY

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The most miserable person on earth is the Christian that's trying to straddle the fence

- BENNY TATE

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Knowing that gladness, gratefulness, and graciousness are byproducts of being spirit-filled, why do we often neglect to spend time with the Holy Spirit? And how can you change this?

2. In the teaching, Pastor Benny mentioned we should not bring God requests while “holding a smoldering disobedience.” Are there certain parts of your life you keep from God? How might you try to fully give your life to God?

3. Pastor Benny told the story of the husband who changed how he treated his wife. Was there a time when you started really living? How did it change your relationships?

4. How has the Holy Spirit pinpointed things in your life that need attention?

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for fellowship with these people You’ve brought together. Help us to develop a deeper relationship with You so that our ways become Your ways. Let all we do point back to You and Your goodness. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

As you go throughout this week, try to identify anything you may be holding back from God. Once you identify the parts you withhold, you can then begin giving those to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to work in your life completely.

SIX THINGS THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES YOU

“But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you.”

JOHN 14:26

LESSON SUMMARY

We all need the Holy Spirit to direct us, but we are responsible for studying the Word in order to hide Scripture in our hearts to prepare us for all circumstances. In addition to your individual Bible study, this week Pastor Benny will take us through six important lessons about the Holy Spirit.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

1. The Holy Spirit _____ and _____.

2. The Holy Spirit gives us _____ of salvation.

3. The Holy Spirit allows us to _____ the Bible.

4. The Holy Spirit _____ us for service.

5. The Holy Spirit can be _____.

“ Rather than making people feel comfortable, we should be trying to make the Holy Spirit comfortable.

- BENNY TATE

6. The Holy Spirit can be _____.

“ Without the Spirit, we can do nothing. We are ships without the wind, branches without sap, like coals without fire. We are useless.

- CHARLES SPURGEON

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever found yourself trying harder to make people comfortable rather than the Holy Spirit? What can we do to change this?

2. Pastor Benny said that it's not a pastor or person who convicts someone, it's the Holy Spirit. How does this change your perspective on your interactions with others?

3. The Bible is written by the Holy Spirit and to understand it, you must be Spirit-filled. How does this change your perspective about Bible study and how you read the Bible?

4. Even Christians can resist the Holy Spirit. How can we keep our hearts open to the movement and instruction of the Spirit?

PRAYER

Lord, we are grateful for Your Spirit and the wisdom You so freely give. Help us to be sensitive to Your leading and gracious to every person we come in contact with. Guide us this week as we go about our daily lives that every action is honoring to you. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

This week, as you move through your busy schedule, remain obedient to the Holy Spirit and the direction He calls you. Whether it's through your quiet time or through obeying the pull of the Holy Spirit, try to keep an open heart and mind.

A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill
the lust of the flesh."

GALATIANS 5:6

LESSON SUMMARY

Our relationship with the Holy Spirit is ever-present. We can have a deeper relationship with God through the Holy Spirit, but it is our responsibility to seek to know Him more. This week, we will learn more about how we can have a deeper, more meaningful relationship with the Holy Spirit and become all that God has created us to be.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

1. Many are _____ about the

Holy Spirit.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

2. The Holy Spirit is necessary for a

_____ life.

“

God will never show you a problem without showing you how to deal with it.

- BENNY TATE

“

You're always going to be frustrated unless you live a life filled and walking with the Holy Spirit.

- BENNY TATE

“

When we come to know Jesus, He becomes a resident in our life. But he wants to be more than a resident in our life, He wants to be President in our life.

- BENNY TATE

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When we commit ourselves fully to the Holy Spirit, we gain access to God's full power and blessings. What keeps you from fully committing yourself to the Holy Spirit?

2. Pastor Benny said that ignorance can cause apprehension about the Holy Spirit. How are you intentionally pursuing greater knowledge and understanding of the Holy Spirit?

3. The Holy Spirit has compassion on the sick, the young, and the persecuted. How does this change or clarify your vision of how we should treat others?

4. In order to be used by God, our schedules must be structured in a way that creates time for Him. Are you receptive to the Holy Spirit and His movements? How can you be more available?

5. Look back at Galatians 5:19-21. Paul outlines several things that keep Christians from being in line with the Holy Spirit. Do you think you struggle with any of these things? If so, how can you work to overcome

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for being an ever-present father and friend. As we draw closer to you, grant us greater communion with you and your heart. Help us to be transformed into your image and allow us to delve deeper into your will and presence. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

Ask the Holy Spirit to identify areas of your life that are keeping you from having a fruitful relationship with Him.

WE NEED THE DOVE TO STAY ON US

"And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is he which He baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."

JOHN 1:32-33

LESSON SUMMARY

The dove has always been a symbol of the Holy Spirit. As we will see in this week's lesson, we must learn to adjust to the dove or the dove will adjust to us. This week, we will dive deeper into the attributes of the Holy Spirit and our relationship to the dove.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

1. We receive the Holy Spirit at

_____.

2. The Holy Spirit is who _____

our salvation.

3. The Holy Spirit is very _____.

4. The Holy Spirit can be _____.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____



You might as well try to see without eyes, hear without ears, breathe without lungs as try to live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit.

- DL MOODY



When I grieve the Holy Spirit, I lose the sense of His manifested presence in my life.

- BENNY TATE

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Benny emphasized that we not only need the dove to come to us but we need it to remain on us. Why is that important? Do you feel like the dove is still present in your life? Why or why not?

2. The Holy Spirit is very sensitive - how does this change or solidify your view of Him?

3. Have you ever done something that you knew wasn't pleasing to God and right after you did it, you felt terrible? How did the Holy Spirit convict you?

4. Galatians 5:22-23 outlines an 'ungrieved life'. How are you working to live an 'ungrieved life'?

5. Four things that cause the dove to fly away are morality, money, mouths, and our moods. How has the Holy Spirit convicted you of these things in your life? Is there a specific example you can share with the group?

PRAYER

Lord, help us to see the mighty ways in which You guide us and grant us the humility and grace to follow your path. Soften our hearts that we gladly walk in Your ways without doubt, stubbornness, or fear. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

Challenge yourself to be aware of when the Spirit is leading you and be tuned into opportunities to live out His will.

THE ANTIDOTE FOR FEAR IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear but of power,
and of love, and of sound mind.”

II TIMOTHY 1:7

LESSON SUMMARY

Every person experiences fear; even the great leaders in the Bible had times when they felt anxiety. But the key to overcoming fear is allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you, use you, and work through you. We will learn how to overcome fear with the help of the Holy Spirit in this week's lesson.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

1. _____

2. _____

3. Give _____

4. Obey God's _____

5. Avoid the _____ of evil

“

I didn't pray long prayers but I didn't go long without prayer.

- DL MOODY

“

Obey God and leave the consequences to Him.

- BENNY TATE

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Luke 10:20 says to "...rejoice because your names are written in heaven." How can you rejoice even in the midst of fear?

2. Do you find it hard to be in a constant state of prayer? How can you incorporate prayer throughout your day?

3. Pastor Benny says that our thankfulness isn't enough until we express it out loud. What are some ways you can tell God and others about your thankfulness?

4. As Christ followers, we should not only avoid sin but "avoid the very appearance of sin." How do you set boundaries and perimeters to avoid the appearance of evil?

PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for Your Spirit and the confidence You give us as Your children. We ask that You continue to grant us opportunities to grow in bravery and the ability to face hardship with joy. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

If there is an idea, dream, or action that you have put off due to fear, dig deep using the strength and bravery of the Holy Spirit to accomplish something new.

FRESH ANOINTINGS

"But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn:
I shall be anointed with fresh oil."

PSALM 92:10

LESSON SUMMARY

We all need fresh anointing. With the many responsibilities that come work and family, life can become stressful and draining. This week, we will learn how to access the ever-renewing blessings and strength of the Holy Spirit to fulfill our God-given calling.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

1. When God _____ you, He

anoints you.

2. God's anointing makes all the _____.

3. God's anointing makes the impossible,

_____.



Everything you need is found
in Christ and Christ alone.

- BENNY TATE

4. God anoints you to _____ others.

5. We need _____ anointings.



Today's problems can't be solved with
yesterday's anointing.

- BENNY TATE

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does God communicate His calling for your life? Are you following that calling? Do you feel that God is providing for you in your calling?

2. When was a time you were faced with an impossible obstacle? How did you see God's provision in that time?

3. How are you using your anointing to help others? If you're not, how can you find ways to bless others with your calling?

4. Do you seek fresh anointings every day? How can you be refreshed with new anointings every morning?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for new chances and fresh starts every day. We ask that You bless us and keep us from evil. We pray that You show us how to use our anointing to bless others to further Your kingdom. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

Seek fresh anointing every morning. God's mercies are new each day - step into the confidence that He is our daily bread.

HOW TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,
they are the sons of God."

ROMANS 8:14

LESSON SUMMARY

Much of our frustration and stress is born out of our inability to make decisions. The Bible serves as a unique blueprint to show us the right path. This week, we will learn how being led by the Holy Spirit can help us make the right decisions.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

Why He does not speak:

1. _____
2. _____
3. Busyness and _____
4. Ungodly _____
5. Unchristian _____
6. We look at other _____

How does the Spirit lead us:

1. God's _____
2. Through prioritizing time _____ with Him
3. _____
4. Visions and _____
5. _____



If you're real comfortable here [on earth], that's an indictment on your walk with the Lord.

- BENNY TATE



You can't tell how much gas is in the tank by the honk of the horn.

- BENNY TATE



For God to whisper to me, I've got to be still.

- BENNY TATE

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you experienced a time when you couldn't hear the Lord speak? If so, how did it effect your daily walk with Christ?

2. How can you make room in you life each day to listen to the Holy Spirit?

3. Pastor Benny said that the Holy Spirit speaks to us through the Bible. How can you be sure to make the most of your time spent in God's Word?

4. It is easy to become distracted with social media, friendships, and other time-fillers? How can you remove some of these distractions in order to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit?

5. Why is it so important to maintain peace in the midst of making a decision?

PRAYER

Lord, we thank You that we are not alone in our decision making. We ask that You help guide us with Your loving hands that our choices will align with Your will. We pray that our path is pleasing to You. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

If you're in the midst of a decision, try sitting still without distraction to hear the Lord's voice and direction.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & MARRIAGE

“And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Holy Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melodies in your heart to the Lord.”

EPHESIANS 5:18-22

LESSON SUMMARY

Sometimes the hardest place to be a Christian is in your own home. Marriages are a constant target of attack by the enemy. This week's lesson will teach use how to be Spirit-filled husbands and wives who love and lead like Jesus.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

Three Qualities

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



God anoints you for the ordinary struggles of marriage.

- BENNY TATE

1. The _____ Wife

A. She submits _____

B. She submits _____

C. She submits _____



Submission... is only through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- BENNY TATE

2. The _____ Husband

A. He submits to her _____ needs

B. He submits to her _____ needs

C. He submits to her _____ needs

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. To be spirit-filled, you must have three things: joy, thankfulness, and submissiveness. How can you be sure to exhibit each of these things daily?

2. Spouses are to submit to each other willingly. Why might it be difficult for spouses to submit to one another?

3. How might a wife show reverence to her husband and honor him more? How will their relationship change because of this?

4. Men are instructed to provide security for their wives. How might a husband provide a stable, secure home for his wife? How will their relationship be affected?

PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for the beautiful gift of marriage. Help our marriages be more honoring to You and each other. We ask that You help us humbly submit to one another, creating a relationship that helps us deepen our dependence and desire for the Holy Spirit. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

Commit the principals of a God-honoring marriage to heart and begin to practice them if you don't already.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & RELATIONSHIPS

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

GALATIANS 5:22-23

LESSON SUMMARY

The Holy Spirit is applicable to every part of our lives, including relationships. As we engage in relationships with others, we also become witnesses for Christ. This week, we will learn how to treat our relationships with a God-like mindset and make people hungry for Christ.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

1. A _____ that is obvious.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____



Happiness depends upon a chance...
Joy is based on a choice.

- BENNY TATE

2. A _____ that is orderly

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

3. A _____ that is obedient

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____



The biggest battle with kindness is busyness.

- BENNY TATE

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you struggled to maintain a 'cheery countenance'? How can we have a more joyful spirit in our daily lives?

2. Pastor Benny stated that we will have trouble in this life. How do you deal with troubling situations and relationships?

3. Do you or someone you know have a short temper? What does the Bible say about having peaceful conduct in anger?

4. Faithfulness increases our lives in many ways. What can cause us to struggle with faithfulness? What can be done to lift our faith?

PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for providing us a way to live a joyful life, one that allows us to experience a greater level of peace than the secular world. Increase our patience, love, joyfulness, and gladness. Give us a heart that is welcoming to others as we continue to strive to make Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen

NEXT STEPS

If you struggle with having a joyful attitude or healthy relationships, begin to ask God to reveal ways to change those attributes and pray for patience, joy, and love.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren,
I would not have you ignorant."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1

LESSON SUMMARY

Every Christian has been blessed with a spiritual gift. It is important that each of us understand and develop our spiritual gifts. This week, we will learn how to identify our gifts and use them to serve the Lord.

VIDEO GUIDED NOTES

1. _____ before our spiritual gift

2. _____ of spiritual gifts

A. A spiritual gift is a special _____ given by the
_____ to every member of the body to use with
_____ in the context of the body.

3. _____ of spiritual gifts

4. _____ for spiritual gifts

5. _____ the impact of your spiritual gift

A. _____ gifts

B. _____ gifts

C. _____ gifts

D. _____ gifts

E. _____ of spiritual gifts

F. _____ of spiritual gifts



It's the gift that God gives you, within the cracked pot, that's valuable.

- BENNY TATE



If you're a Christian, you have a spiritual gift.

- BENNY TATE



Everything I've ever done anything for God, I was always scared to death but the Lord helped me.

- BENNY TATE

ADDITIONAL NOTES:



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