



1. We're calling these sermons through the book of Acts "nucleus" - drawing our attention to the core truths of the Christian faith. Why is it so important to keep core truths like this in mind? What happens if we neglect these things?
2. The "nucleus" truth we're looking at this week is the Holy Spirit. In your own words, explain why understanding and applying what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit is important enough that we consider it a "core truth."
3. As a group, spend some time sharing what you know about the person and work of the Holy Spirit already: What comes to mind when you think of the Spirit of God? How would you explain who the Spirit is and what the Spirit does to someone who has little or no prior knowledge of the Holy Spirit?
4. Read Acts 1:4-8, then answer the following questions.
 - 🌀 Why do you think Jesus tells his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they've received this Spirit? How does this reinforce the importance of the Spirit in our lives?
 - 🌀 In verse 4, in the New International Version (NIV), Jesus calls the Holy Spirit a "gift" from His Father. How does seeing the Spirit as a "gift" shape the way you understand Him?
 - 🌀 Read verse 8 again. What will the presence of the Spirit empower Jesus' followers to do? In your own life, in what ways does the Holy Spirit empower you for service and mission?
5. In the beginning of Acts 2, we read about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' followers. Now read Acts 2:42-47. What sort of community does the Holy Spirit create? (Feel free to reflect on what we learned last Sunday.)
6. Throughout the book of Acts (and the rest of the New Testament), we find people "leaning into" the work of the Spirit (for example, Peter in Acts 2, and Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13:1-3). But we also find people resisting the work of the Holy Spirit (for example, Acts 7:51).
 - 🌀 How can you cultivate a posture of "surrender" to the Spirit, instead of a posture of resistance? What practically does this look like?
 - 🌀 What can you do as a group to help each other "lean in" to the Spirit's activity, instead of resisting His presence and work?
7. What is the biggest take-away from what you've learned about the Holy Spirit?
8. Challenge: Memorize Galatians 5:16: "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."



This week's reading
(Mon, Sept 5 - Sun, Sept 11)

MON - Acts 6-7 & Psalm 104

TUES - Acts 8-9 & Psalm 105

WED - Acts 10-11 & Psalm 106

THURS - Acts 12-13 & Psalm 107

FRI - Acts 14-15 & Psalm 108

SAT - Acts 16-17 & Psalm 109

SUN - Acts 18-19 & Psalm 110