



## PART 1: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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### Sermon Notes

**Text: John 7:37-39**

#### Introduction

“A Pentecostal is simply a Christian who believes that the book of Acts provides a model for the contemporary church.” ~William Menzies

John 7 - The Feast of Tabernacles: A celebration of God’s provision in the desert.

Ezekiel 47:12

The Holy Spirit brings LIFE, FRUITFULNESS & HEALING

The first time we are introduced to the Holy Spirit, he is connected to water: Genesis 1:2

#### 1. The Holy Spirit is God

Francis Chan, The Holy Spirit is the “Forgotten God”

Theologians use the word “Trinity” to explain the mysterious triune nature of God: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit - three persons, one essence.

Genesis 1:26 “Let *us* make man in our image...”

Acts 5:3, 4 “you lied to God...you lied to the Holy Spirit”

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1 Corinthians 6:19 “Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:19 - Father, Son and Spirit are considered equal.

The Holy Spirit is the active presence of God in the world.

#### 2. The Holy Spirit is a Person

He has all the characteristics of personhood. He thinks (Acts 15:28), speaks (Acts 1:16), leads (Romans 8:14), and can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30).

We can relate to the Holy Spirit *superpersonally*

John 14:6 - *Parakletos*: “One called alongside”

#### 3. The Holy Spirit is God in us

*Ruah* = Spirit, Breath

*Pneuma* = Spirit, Breath

Genesis 1 & 2 - God is trying to reveal himself to us and give us an identity.

We are the temple of God’s Spirit. He lives in us. Jesus came to restore the image of God.

#### Conclusion:

Revelation 22:1-2

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## Life Group Discussion

### Warm up:

1. Have you ever been dehydrated? What were your symptoms?
2. Reflect on the metaphor of water in the scriptures as it relates to the Holy Spirit: what do the Holy Spirit and water have in common? What does it mean to be spiritually thirsty?

### Study & Discussion:

1. Read the main passage from the sermon, John 7:37-39. What was Jesus saying about himself? About the Holy Spirit? About us?
2. Read John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say about the Holy Spirit? The word advocate is translated from *paraklete*, which can mean “helper,” “counsellor,” or “one who comes alongside.” What does this say about the Holy Spirit?
3. Read Acts 1:1-11. What does this passage say about the Holy Spirit? What is the affect does the Holy Spirit have according to v. 8?

### Prayer/Application:

1. Spend the remainder of your time together praying for each person in the group to be filled with the Holy spirit. If someone has a particular “thirst” for which they need the Spirit, make sure to pray for that. Acts 8:17 tells us when we pray for people to receive the Holy Spirit we should place our hands on them. Do this while you pray for each other.