

**NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL PT. 2-LIFE GROUP LESSON**  
**EXPERIENCING THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**6/11/17**

**MEMORY VERSE: John 16:13 (NIV)**

***“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”***

**Introduction:**

God wants us to experience a relationship with the Holy Spirit in which He is our best Friend and at the center stage of what is going on in our life. For this to happen we must know who he is, what he does, and how to let him fill our lives.

- I. The Holy Spirit is not a ghost; He is our \_\_\_\_\_, the third member of the Holy Trinity.**
- A. For too many Christians the Holy Spirit is an “intimate Stranger” Reasons why the Holy Spirit is “the God so many don’t know.”  
1. ignorance 2. fear 3. confusion 4. intimidation
  - B. One of the mistakes we make is when we let our \_\_\_\_\_ of God define what we believe about God instead of letting God define how we should experience Him.
- II. Jesus gave several reasons why we should be excited to know the Holy Spirit and let Him be center stage in our life. (John 16:7-14)**
- A. He glorifies Jesus- Helps us experience true worship.
  - B. He \_\_\_\_\_ to us not just our sin but our true identity.  
*“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit that you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” (Romans 8:14-15)*
  - C. He \_\_\_\_\_ us to know the truth about life, ourselves, and our situations.
  - D. He empowers us to live our lives from God not just for God.  
*“Now we have received, not the spirit of this world but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given us from God.” (I Corinthians 2:12)*
  - E. He makes accessible to us both the gifts and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.  
(I Corinthians 12:4-11, Galatians 5:22-23)

### III. How we let the Holy Spirit fill our lives

- A. For believers the Holy Spirit is a gift we have received but many have not yet \_\_\_\_\_ and allowed Him to have His place and release the power of His presence in their life.  
*“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” (Acts 19:2)*
- B. The key issue is not how much of the Holy Spirit we have but how much of \_\_\_\_\_ does the Holy Spirit have. Complete surrender to the Holy Spirit is key to being filled. The more we yield, the more we are filled.
- C. Being filled (claiming our inheritance) comes from confidently \_\_\_\_\_ for the Holy Spirit to fill us by faith. (Luke 11:9-13). Don’t think of gifts as limited things He may or may not give you; think of the fact that the Gift (Holy Spirit) is in you, and all He has is yours to be demonstrated at His choosing.

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some misconceptions that you or others you know have had about the Holy Spirit, that could hinder us from experiencing or limiting the glory of His presence in our lives? Which can you relate to:  
  
a. fear      b. confusion      c. intimidation      d. intellectual blockages  
e. theological questions      f. other
2. What is an example that you can relate to of the difference between living a human filled life and a spirit filled life? Have you experienced living from God and not just for God? Have you ever had the Holy Spirit help you know something in your heart that before was just in your head?
3. Which of the things that the Holy Spirit has come to do, especially speaks to something that you need Him to do right now in your life?
4. Where or how do you think you might be limiting the Holy Spirit and not giving Him complete control?
5. For ministry time as a group let each one ask the Holy Spirit what it is He is wanting to give us or others in the group. After a time of silent waiting, share with one another what you sense and then pray with each other to receive the release of those gifts and blessings.

(Answers: I. loving God, experience II. reveals, guides, fruits III. realized, us, asking)