



Holy **Spirit**

WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2026

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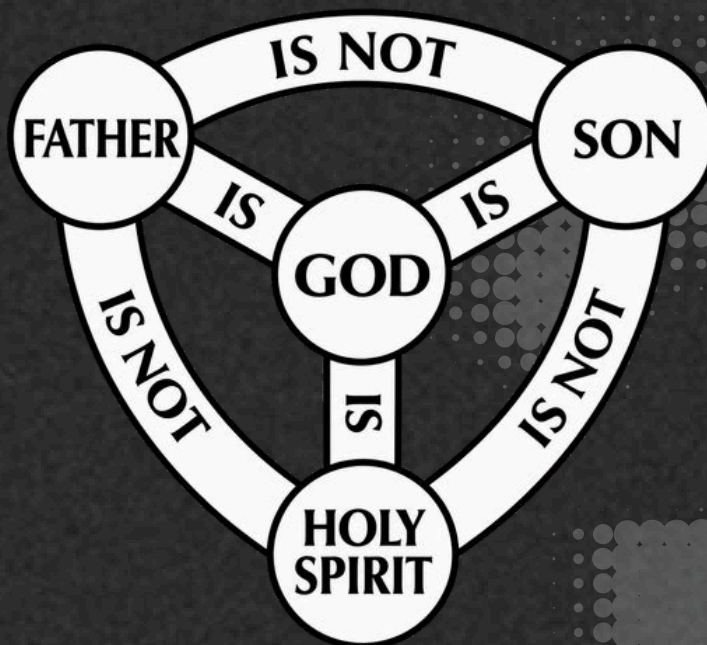
THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ICEBREAKER

*AT WHAT TEMPERATURE DO YOU OFFICIALLY START
SAYING IT'S "SWEATER WEATHER"?*



INTRODUCTION

- Pastor Mike shared the Trinity Shield as a way to see and understand that the Holy Spirit IS God. How did this challenge your previous perspective of who the Holy Spirit is or help with your understanding of the Trinity?



- Pastor Mike said, "Without the Holy Spirit, discipleship is merely an exercise in will power. With the Holy Spirit, discipleship is an experience in God's Power!" Share a time when you have relied more on your own will power than on God's empowerment?

QUESTIONS CONTINUED...

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY

- Read Galatians 5:16–23. This scripture describes a conflict between the desires of the flesh and the Spirit. Where do you most recognize the tension between living in the flesh and living in the Spirit in your own life?

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO LIVE SUPERNATURALLY

- Read Romans 8:11. The same Spirit that raised Jesus lives in you and me!!!! Share a time when God has empowered you in a supernatural way.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO LIVE ON MISSION WITH GOD

- Read John 16:7. Jesus promised to send us the Helper, the Holy Spirit. Scripture describes the Holy Spirit as our Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Encourager, and Counselor. Share a time when you experienced the Holy Spirit in one of these ways.
- Read Acts 2:41. The empowerment of the Holy Spirit isn't only for our benefit, but it's also to help lead others to salvation. How does this challenge you to live on mission for God?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

Just think about this reality: God the Father loves us & desires to be with us (Ex 19:4-6), God the Son came to us to give us life through His death and resurrection (Jn 16:7), God the Spirit dwells in us to lead and empower us (Jn 16:13-14). God IS good!

The Holy Spirit isn't just a source of power for extraordinary moments or miracles. He is God living within us, guiding us, changing our hearts, strengthening us in the midst of our struggles, and leading us to continue transforming into the image of Christ.

"Then he said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.'" (Zec 4:6) Thank the Lord that we don't need to depend on our own efforts to navigate through the highs and lows in life.



ASK

It is easy to do things on our own. But think about all the things you are doing in this season. Ask yourself, "Did I even pray about it?" Take this before God in your prayer time.



CHALLENGE

God has a desire to use the Holy Spirit to transform us. What area in your life do you feel you have not fully surrendered to God?

Allow yourself to be convicted this week. Reflect on where you see God working in you, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in taking a practical next step this week.

PRAYER

Use these prompts to help guide your prayer:

- Holy Spirit Show Me — the depths of my heart (Psa 139:23-34)
- Holy Spirit Fill Me — with more of you, daily (Eph 5:18)
- Holy Spirit Use Me — to bring glory to your name (Mat 22:37-40)