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## STUDY GUIDE ELEVEN – FROM SERMON ON APR 19/26

This week we turn to the third person of the Trinity: the Holy Spirit. While many Christians are familiar with the Father and the Son, the Spirit is often less understood—or less experienced. Yet Scripture teaches that the Spirit is essential to every part of the Christian life. He is not an impersonal force, but the Lord and giver of life, actively at work in creation, salvation, and transformation.

As you work through this study, ask God not just for clarity, but for a deeper awareness of and dependence on His Spirit.

### OPENING QUESTIONS

When you think about the Holy Spirit, what words or ideas immediately come to mind?

Have you ever experienced a moment where you sensed God working in your life in a clear or powerful way? What was it like?

### THE SPIRIT IS LORD (A PERSON, NOT A FORCE)

Read **2 Corinthians 3:17-18**. What does it mean that “the Lord is the Spirit”? What stands out to you in this passage?

Read **John 14:26**. What specific roles does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will have in the lives of believers?

Read **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**. What do these verses reveal about the Spirit’s will, activity, and involvement in the church?

Why is it important to understand that the Holy Spirit is a person rather than just a power or influence? How might this change the way we relate to Him?

### THE SPIRIT IS DIVINE (FULLY GOD)

Read **Genesis 1:1-2**. What does this passage show about the Spirit’s presence and role in creation?

Read **Psalms 139:7-10**. What does this teach us about the nature of the Spirit?

Why does it matter that the Holy Spirit is fully God? How should that shape our worship and reverence?

### THE SPIRIT IS THE GIVER OF LIFE (SALVATION & NEW BIRTH)

Read **John 3:1-8**. What does Jesus teach about being “born of the Spirit”? Why is this necessary? What does this passage suggest about human ability versus the Spirit’s role in salvation?

Read **Ezekiel 36:26-27**. What promises does God make here about the Spirit’s work? How does this connect to what Jesus says in **John 3**?

Read **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**. According to this passage, what makes the difference between someone who believes and someone who does not?

### THE SPIRIT’S ONGOING WORK

Read **Hebrews 10:14**. How does this verse hold together the ideas of being “perfected” and still “being sanctified”?

Read **Philippians 2:12-13**. What is our role in growth, and what is the Spirit’s role? How do these work together?

Why do you think the process of becoming more like Christ often feels slow or difficult? How can remembering the Spirit’s role encourage you in that?

### PERSONAL REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

In the sermon Chris emphasized that the Spirit gives life and changes hearts—not us. How might this truth affect the way you share the gospel with others?

Do you regularly relate to the Holy Spirit personally (prayer, dependence, listening)? Why or why not?

What habits or practices tend to make you more aware of the Spirit’s work in your daily life?

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