

## Is the Holy Spirit Welcome Here? Small Group Study

**Focus Verses:** John 14:12; Acts 1:1-11, 2:1-41; Isaiah 40:27-31;  
John 7:37-38; Luke 11:11-13

**Opening discussion:** What kinds of Holy Spirit experiences have you had?

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some reasons the Holy Spirit might not be truly welcome in some churches or some people's lives?
2. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit more fully qualify us for God's work?
3. Who or what is the Holy Spirit?
4. How does the Holy Spirit enable you to participate in the continuing ministry of Jesus Christ?
5. What are some ways you can participate in the continuing ministry of Jesus Christ?
6. What kinds of things should churches do to act as the body of Christ toward others?
7. What should your interactions with others look like if you are truly serving Christ as your Lord?
8. Have you ever prayed for God to fill you with his Holy Spirit? Why or why not?
9. What do you think it looks like when a person is filled with the Holy Spirit?
10. How do you think God might want to use you to further His ministries?
11. Jesus said: "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father." What would it take for you to believe in the depths of your heart that you can do greater works than Jesus?
12. What do you yearn for most from God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

### For further growth:

Meditate on the reference verses, particularly John 14:12. Write a prayer asking to be filled with the Holy Spirit and for any other guidance you feel compelled to request.

### Closing Prayer