

Creekside Church LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Animated

Poured Out

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Key Passage: John 14:16–17a

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth...” NIV

Opening Prayer

Father, thank You for gathering us together tonight. Thank You for loving us enough to give us Your Holy Spirit—not just to visit us occasionally, but to live within us every day. Open our hearts as we discuss Your Word. Help us move beyond information into transformation. Reveal areas where we’ve ignored, misunderstood, or resisted Your Spirit, and invite us into deeper surrender and dependence on You. Give us honesty, humility, encouragement, and unity as we share together. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Leader Introduction

Poured Out focuses on the Holy Spirit as God’s active presence in our lives. Many believers acknowledge the Holy Spirit intellectually but struggle to relate to Him personally or experience His daily leadership and power. This discussion is designed to help your group move from theory to intimacy and dependence.

Leader Reminder

- Create a safe environment for honesty.
- Don’t rush silence; some questions are reflective.

- Encourage participation without forcing vulnerability.
 - Keep bringing the group back to Scripture and practical application.
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Discussion Questions & Leader Insights

1. What idea, phrase, Scripture, or image from this week's sermon *Poured Out* caught your attention most—and why do you think it stood out to you?

Leader Insights

This question helps participants process personally before moving into application. Often the Holy Spirit highlights different truths to different people depending on what they need most in the current season.

Encourage people to share:

- a specific statement from the sermon
- a verse that lingered with them
- a conviction they felt
- an encouragement or comfort they received
- a challenge they are still thinking about

If discussion feels slow, invite people to answer:

- “What stuck with you after Sunday?”
- “What did you keep thinking about this week?”
- “What do you sense God may be trying to show you through that?”

Follow-Up Prompt

“Why do you think that particular idea resonated with you personally right now?”

Key Takeaway

The Holy Spirit often personalizes God's truth by drawing our attention to exactly what we most need to hear.

2. Read The Gospel of John 14:16–17a.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is fully God. When you think about or pray to the Holy Spirit, do you tend to view Him more as an abstract force or as a personal companion? How does shifting your mindset to see Him as a person change how you relate to Him?

Leader Insights

Many Christians unintentionally treat the Holy Spirit like energy, emotion, or atmosphere rather than God Himself. Jesus refers to the Spirit personally—He teaches, comforts, guides, convicts, and speaks.

Help participants explore:

- What shaped their understanding of the Holy Spirit?
- Have they experienced hesitation or confusion around Him?
- What changes when prayer becomes relational rather than transactional?

Follow-Up Prompt

“What would daily friendship with the Holy Spirit practically look like for you?”

Key Takeaway

The Holy Spirit is not merely power from God; He is God with us.

3. What are misunderstandings you think people have about the Holy Spirit? Have you ever associated the Holy Spirit mainly with strange experiences rather than everyday life with God?

Leader Insights

People often swing between extremes:

- Ignoring the Holy Spirit completely
- Overemphasizing emotional experiences
- Associating Him only with dramatic moments

The New Testament consistently shows the Spirit working in ordinary faithfulness:

- wisdom
- conviction
- peace
- courage
- transformation
- love

Avoid turning this into a debate about denominational differences. Keep the focus on biblical understanding and personal relationship.

Follow-Up Prompt

“How might the Holy Spirit be working quietly in your life right now without dramatic signs?”

Key Takeaway

The Holy Spirit’s primary work is transforming us into the likeness of Christ.

4. Scripture introduces the Spirit as the very breath of God that brings dead things to life and sustains all creation. In your current season of life, where do you feel a lack of spiritual vitality or “out of breath”? How does it comfort or challenge you to know that God’s life-giving breath is active in you?

Leader Insights

This question invites honesty about exhaustion, discouragement, numbness, burnout, or spiritual dryness.

Encourage specificity:

- relationships
- parenting
- work
- prayer life
- hope
- purpose

Some group members may need permission to admit they feel spiritually tired.

Follow-Up Prompt

“What would it look like to stop striving and instead receive God’s sustaining presence?”

Key Takeaway

The Spirit doesn’t merely demand more from us; He renews what is weak and weary.

5. Read Romans 8:11.

When you look at your life right now, does your day-to-day existence feel like it is fueled by resurrection power, or does it feel more like you are just trying to survive on your own energy? What is one area where you desperately need that resurrection vitality today?

Leader Insights

This question connects theology to real life. Resurrection power often shows up not in hype, but in perseverance, obedience, forgiveness, endurance, and hope.

Watch for:

- shame-based responses
- performance mentality
- discouragement

Redirect toward grace and dependence.

Follow-Up Prompt

“What keeps you from relying on the Spirit’s power instead of your own?”

Key Takeaway

The Christian life was never meant to be sustained by human strength alone.

6. Read Acts 2:38–39 and 1:9–13.

Do you ever feel like the Holy Spirit is for “other people” who are more spiritual than you? If God is eager to give His Spirit, what keeps you from simply asking and receiving with childlike trust?

Leader Insights

Many believers secretly believe:

- “I’m not spiritual enough.”
- “God uses other people, not me.”
- “I’ve failed too much.”
- “I wouldn’t know how.”

Remind the group:

The Holy Spirit is a gift of grace, not a reward for elite Christians.

Follow-Up Prompt

“How would your life change if you truly believed God wanted closeness with you right now?”

Key Takeaway

God delights in giving His presence to ordinary people who seek Him.

7. Read Acts 1:8.

Can you recall a time in your life when you felt a sudden, distinct surge of spiritual energy, peace, or boldness that you knew didn’t originate from your own strength? What did that experience teach you?

Leader Insights

This question invites testimony and encouragement.

Encourage examples like:

- courage during hardship
- peace during grief
- boldness in conversation
- supernatural patience
- conviction to obey

Avoid pressuring people to manufacture dramatic stories.

Follow-Up Prompt

“How did that moment deepen your trust in God?”

Key Takeaway

The Spirit empowers ordinary believers for faithful living and witness.

8. Read Galatians 5:25.

In this season, does your life feel more driven by pressure, duty, and your own effort, or by the life and peace of the Holy Spirit? What would it look like to keep in step with Him this week?

Leader Insights

Keeping in step with the Spirit is daily surrender, not occasional inspiration.

Practical examples may include:

- slowing down to pray
- obeying promptings
- choosing forgiveness
- listening before reacting
- making room for rest
- reading Scripture consistently

Follow-Up Prompt

“What distractions or habits most pull you out of step with the Spirit?”

Key Takeaway

Life in the Spirit is cultivated through ongoing attentiveness and obedience.

9. Think about your typical Monday-to-Saturday routine (work, chores, errands, family, responsibilities). In which

specific moments or environments do you find it easiest to completely forget that God’s Spirit is right there inside you?

Leader Insights

This final question grounds the discussion in practical discipleship.

Help participants identify:

- stress triggers
- rushed schedules
- conflict environments
- technology overload
- workplace pressure

Encourage practical awareness habits:

- breath prayers
- worship during commutes
- Scripture reminders
- intentional pauses
- gratitude practices

Follow-Up Prompt

“What is one practical way you can become more aware of the Spirit’s presence this week?”

Key Takeaway

The Holy Spirit is present not only in church moments but in ordinary daily life.

Closing Challenge

This week, intentionally pause at least once each day and pray:

“Holy Spirit, help me become aware of Your presence and lead me today.”

Encourage the group to notice:

- moments of conviction

- peace
- prompting
- encouragement
- opportunities to love others
- renewed strength