

Take-Home · Session 1

The Promised Spirit

What We Found

The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, not a force: in John 14 and 16 he teaches, reminds, speaks, and guides, and Scripture says he can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30).

Pentecost kept two ancient promises: Ezekiel 36:26-27 (the Spirit placed within us, a heart of flesh for a heart of stone) and Joel 2:28 (the Spirit poured out on all flesh), which Peter quotes that very morning.

The wind and fire recall Sinai, as many Fathers and scholars have seen: as God formed Israel there, the Spirit forms the Church at Pentecost.

My Guess · sealed until Session 8

My sealed answer to "What signs would you look for to recognize that someone is growing as a disciple of Jesus?" is written and turned in. I get it back, still sealed, in Session 8.

Voices of the Church

St. Cyril of Jerusalem · *Catechetical Lectures 16.12, summary*

One Spirit like one rain: white in the lily, red in the rose, producing a different beauty in each soul he enters while remaining himself undivided.

St. Basil the Great · *On the Holy Spirit, summary*

We are baptized into one name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: the Spirit shares the one divine rank, adored and glorified with the Father and the Son.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons · *Against Heresies 3.24.1, summary*

Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and every grace.

Live It This Week

This week's one thing. Pray the Come, Holy Spirit prayer each morning, slowly, as address to a Person.

- Optional: Read John 14 and John 16 in one sitting and underline every verb whose subject is the Counselor.
- Optional: Before one difficult conversation this week, silently ask the Holy Spirit to speak first.

Memory Verse

Acts 1:8 · But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses...

Before Next Session

Read Galatians 5:16-26 twice.

Scripture this session: John 14:15-17, 25-26; 16:7-15; Acts 2:1-13, 17; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Joel 2:28; Exodus 19:18; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 1:8; John 15:16 ·

Catechism: 683-686, 731-732, 737-741, 1861, 2000-2001