



**Sermon Series:** Ghost Stories: Who is the Holy Spirit?

**Big Idea:** The Holy Spirit has an undeniable presence on earth and in the life of every believer.

**Main Passage:** John 14:15-17

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, obey my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

**Three ways to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit:**

- Awareness of the Holy Spirit.
- Acknowledge the Holy Spirit's presence and power.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life.

**Discussion:**

**What?**

What stood out to you from Dusty's sermon or any questions you might have?

What special title does Jesus give the Holy Spirit in this passage?

How did Jesus describe the Holy Spirit's relationship to us?

Read this quote: "If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference." -Dr. A W Tozer, author and pastor, 1897-1963

Do you agree or disagree with A.W. Tozer?

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force: He is personal in nature. Jesus used the word Advocate - the One who stands alongside to help, comfort and give counsel. (John 14: 16,26, 15:26,16:7). He has personal characteristics such as a will (Acts 13:1, 1 Cor 12:11), mind (1 Cor 2:10-11, Romans 8:27) and emotions (Eph 3:30).

What makes recognizing the Holy Spirit as personal important?

### **So What?**

Dusty described three ways to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit: Awareness, acknowledgement, and allowing the Holy Spirit into your life.

How can you become more aware of the Holy Spirit's existence and influence?

Is it difficult to acknowledge the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

What would it take to allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life?

### **Do What?**

What step can you take to begin the process of allowing the spirit to fill you?

Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal Himself more to you today. Ask Him to change your life as you understand and experience Him personally.

### **Scriptures for further study or memorization:**

*Use these as a reference to help you as you discover the Holy Spirit's presence.*

#### **Romans 8:26-27**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

#### **Acts 2:38**

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Romans 5:5**

Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

#### **John 14:26**

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything that I have told you.

#### **Romans 8:14**

For all who are led by God's Spirit are God's children.