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THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

GOSPEL OF JOHN EDITION

SERMON: Born of the Spirit
(WATCH SERMON) (SERMON NOTES)
SPEAKER: Pastor Steve
CORE SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-8

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

This message explores Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus in John 3:1–8 and the mystery of being "born of the Spirit." Like the wind that moves freely and brings renewal, the Holy Spirit breathes new life into all who believe—awakening hearts, reshaping identity, and empowering us to carry God's life into the world. As Cornerstone enters a new season of mission, we're invited to open our hearts afresh to the Spirit's transforming work.

SHARE

As an icebreaker, share a time when you felt a fresh start or a new beginning in your life. How did it change your perspective or actions?

READ

As a group, read **John 3:1-8** out loud together.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What most stood out to you about the sermon?

2. In John 3:3-5, Jesus speaks of being "born again" and "born of water and the Spirit." What do you think these terms mean in the context of the passage? How does this understanding impact your view of spiritual rebirth?

3. Pastor Steve mentioned that being born of the Spirit is for "anyone and everyone willing to receive it." How does this inclusivity challenge or encourage you in your faith journey?

4. As we start this new series on the Holy Spirit, what do you know of the third person of the Trinity? Do you think Christians can overemphasize or underemphasize the Spirit? How could that be damaging to our walk?

5. Consider the theological implications of John 3:6-8. How does the analogy of the wind deepen your understanding of the Holy Spirit's sovereignty and mysterious work in the process of spiritual rebirth?

6. How does the concept of receiving a new identity as a "child of God" resonate with you? In what ways can this identity influence your daily life and interactions with others?

7. Pastor Steve spoke about the Spirit reordering our loves. What are some areas in your life where you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to reorder your priorities or affections?

NEXT STEPS:
Reflect on how you can open your heart afresh to the Holy Spirit this week. Consider setting aside time for prayer and asking Jesus to fill you anew with His Spirit, making you a channel of His life and love to those around you.

PRAY:
Spend time in guided prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to work in each person's heart. Pray for openness to the Spirit's leading and for the courage to be channels of God's love in your communities.

CLOSING:
Encourage each other to continue seeking the Spirit's guidance throughout the week. Remind the group of the ongoing journey of understanding and experiencing the Holy Spirit's presence and power in their lives.