

Connect Group Discussion Guide

Elements is about taking the foundational doctrines of the church, making them personal and understanding how they enhance our relationship with God.

- 1. When Christians talk about God coming to live in their hearts, it's the Holy Spirit they are describing. The Bible describes the Holy Spirit as the "breath" of God. So just as you need oxygen to live in your human body, if you trust in Christ, you are born again in a spiritual sense and the Holy Spirit becomes the source of new life God places within you. You no longer just relate to God as a higher power outside of yourself. God transforms you from within so that you become more like Jesus. Does this change what you understood about the Holy Spirit?
- 2. To distinguish the Persons of the Trinity (Father, Son and especially emphasizing the Holy Spirit): God the Father is the Creator, God the Son (Jesus Christ) is the Savior, and God the Holy Spirit is the Transformer. When you hear the term "transform" what does that mean to you? How do you think the Holy Spirit transforms a person?
- 3. The four transformational roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives:

Is this new knowledge for you?

- Our Helper: Comforts us, He helps us understand we are not alone
- Our Guide: Teaches us, reveals wisdom to us, Leads us into all truth; e don't have to figure it out on our own
- Our Cleanser: Convicts us, sanctifies us, burns up the chaff, gets rid of the harmful stuff in us, and the one who empower us
- Our Empowerer: Gives us the power to live like Christ. In which of these ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit most?

NOTE: CGL, listen actively and carefully to what is being said during the times when group members participants share. Let their responses guide how you tailor your interactions and studies with the group during the session. You are God's hands, feet, and voice during this time. Allow Him to use you as you participate in His activity in the lives of those in your group.

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Main Idea

The Holy Spirit is our Helper, Guide, Cleanser...and Transformer.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:
John 14:16; 16:7
Acts 2:33
2 Corinthians 13:14
1 Corinthians 13:12; 2:13-15
Acts 1:8
Ephesians 2:10; 4:30

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.