

A grayscale photograph of a person standing on a mountain peak, looking out over a city and mountains. The person is seen from behind, wearing a light-colored t-shirt and dark pants. The city below is densely packed with buildings, and the mountains in the distance are shrouded in mist. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. A blue horizontal band is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'DOES YOUR GOD EXIST?' in white, bold, italicized capital letters. At the bottom of the image, the text 'WEEK THREE' is written in white, bold, capital letters.

DOES YOUR GOD EXIST?

WEEK THREE



THE SPLENDOR OF THE SPIRIT

JOHN 16:12-15
JANUARY 22/23, 2022

GETTING STARTED

Begin your time with prayer asking the Spirit of God to open your eyes and your mind and your heart to Him. Invite Him to come and teach you about Himself.

Have you related to Holy Spirit more I as an “it” or a “who”? Why do you think that is the case for you?

When you hear about Holy Spirit what thoughts or feelings surface in you? Would you say that you have a yearning for more of the Spirit in your life or that you are afraid of the Spirit possibly because of what you’ve seen in others?

LEARNING & LIVING OUT THE SCRIPTURES:

Which title for the Holy Spirit connects with you at this point in your life: advocate, counselor/helper or comforter? Can you share why this is so?

Reflect on how the Spirit of God was working in your life to draw you to Jesus and to give you a thirst for Him?

As a disciple of Jesus, your body is the temple of the of the Holy Spirit 1Corinthians 6:19. What are the implications of this for your Christian life?

Compare the fruit of the spirit in Galatians 5:22 to the definition of love in 1Corinthians 13:4-8. Explore why they are so similar. Where do you need to have the Spirit of God work in your heart to grow more fruit for Christ's glory?

Reviewing the gifts of the Spirit (Romans 12:6-8 and 1Corinthians 12:4-11) what gifts do you see operative in your life? What gifts would you like Holy Spirit to give you so you might serve Him?

In Luke 4:1 we are told that, "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit... was led by the spirit into the desert... Where he was tempted by the devil. After he confronted the evil one we are told in Luke chapter 4 verse 14 that Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the spirit. That is when he began his ministry. Would you say that your Christian life is filled with God's power? Perhaps sometime in reflection, confession and repentance is necessary for an empowering visitation.



LIVING INTO THE WORD

How can you open yourself to act on the words of the Lord through Paul in Ephesians 5:18, "Be filled with the Spirit"?

THE EXTRA MILE:

Begin your own study on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps you could consider starting by reading *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit* by R. A. Torrey.

During your closing time of sharing, if you are in a group, let your friends know what makes you uncomfortable about the Holy Spirit and/or what you would like for the Holy Spirit to do in your life. During your time of prayer ask the Spirit to remove any discomfort and the reason for it. I encourage you ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you and fill you with the glory and fullness of God, sit in silence for 15 minutes and wait for His visitation.

