



FUEL sermon series – Week 2 Group Guide
July 2

Begin your group time together with a recap and a practice (10 minutes).

RECAP: This week Gary's message focused on being *unhurried* so that we can be attentive to the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. This message focused on how we must move in His direction, wanting Him, waiting on Him, and walking with Him – all in an unhurried way. We must choose Him, being still, knowing that He is God.

PRACTICE: As you begin this practice, take a few moments to quiet your group. Remind people to breathe deeply and to release the tension they may be carrying in their bodies. Sit in settled silence for 15 seconds. Once the room has given way to stillness, read the following rendition of Psalm 46:10 (below) aloud for your group.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

Once finished, pray aloud for your group and then transition into discussion of Scripture and the sermon.

Discuss the sermon (30 minutes).

Pick a few of these questions to fuel your group's conversation.



- Describe one aspect of this sermon that either challenged you, you had questions about, or that deepened your faith.
- In his sermon, Gary talked about three aspects of being unhurried: WANTING the Spirit, WAITING on the spirit, and WALKING with the Spirit. Which of these three do you struggle with the most? Which are you best at? Explain.
- What questions do you have about wanting, waiting on, or walking in the Spirit? Do those things seem attainable? Strange? Desirable? Explain.
- Who is a person that you know who does these three things well? Do you notice anything different about how they walk through life?
- What are the side effects of not slowing down to be attentive to the Holy Spirit? What are some of the natural things that might happen if you do slow down?
- Gary mentioned in his sermon that the Holy Spirit speaks in three ways: advisors, the Bible, and through our conscience. Describe what your life would look like if you incorporated all three of these into your listening to the Holy Spirit.
- How might slowing down to listen to the Holy Spirit impact your life at work? How you relate to your significant other? How you parent? How you engage classmates? Your friendships?
- What is one practical step you need to take this week to engage the Holy Spirit that this group can hold you accountable to?

Break into smaller groups to read Scripture and discuss (20 minutes).

As a smaller group, read the following passages and ask, "What do these Scriptures tell us about the Holy Spirit?" As you go, write on a piece of paper or in a note in your phone everything you learn. Don't think too hard about this exercise. The goal is to learn what God has revealed about Himself in His Word.



Your passages are: John 1:32-34; Acts 2:38; 1 Kings 19:9-13; Acts 1:3-8; Acts 1:12-15; Galatians 5:16; Acts 8:26-29; Acts 13:1-3; Revelation 2-3; Ephesians 6:17.

Come back together as a large group to recap and finish with prayer (10 minutes).

Have each person share one key takeaway from their time looking up verses about the Holy Spirit.

Once you've finished discussing, take turns sharing prayer requests. End your group time with prayer out loud for one another.

Access extra resources throughout this sermon series by visiting thecreek.org/devotionals. You'll find:

- Answers to some frequently asked questions about the Holy Spirit.
- Weekly spiritual practices that correlate with Sunday's message.