

## **(Holy) Ghost Stories**

### **Small Group Questions: Part 1: The Wind of the Spirit**

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#### **Read**

John 3:8, 14:16–17 and 25–26; Acts 1:8, 2:1–4; 1 Corinthians 2:9–10; 2 Cor. 13:14; and Ephesians 4:30

#### **Reflect**

In John 14, Jesus knows his time has come and he will soon be leaving his disciples. To prepare them, he explains the Holy Spirit, the most misunderstood and mysterious person of the Trinity. Jesus describes him as the Advocate: helper, comforter, and counselor. Do you think the Holy Spirit is active in our world today?

Pastor Greg highlights what we know about the wind and how it helps describe the Holy Spirit:

1. Wind is unpredictable.
  - a. Why do you think first timers experiencing God during worship often cry unexpectedly?
  - b. When have you felt the Holy Spirit in an unexpected way?
  - c. Why don't we like the Holy Spirit to be unpredictable?
  - d. When have you found yourself focusing on the vehicle...the experience, rather than God?
    - i. How has the Holy Spirit changed your expectations in certain circumstances?
2. Wind is powerful.
  - a. Why might we all want the same thing—to connect with a holy God, one who loves us...even if we have never acknowledged him? Explain.
  - b. When has the Spirit moved and altered something that no human power could fix?
    - i. In what area of your life could you use God's power?
3. Wind is refreshing.
  - a. How has the Holy Spirit refreshed you? What has he revealed to you?

What's Next?

4. Let go of your fears and misperceptions.
  - a. When have the mysteries of the Holy Spirit made you uncomfortable or confused? Who wants to confuse every work of God?
  - b. When you've felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit, how have you overcome your fears or doubts? When did you give in to those doubts?
5. Go all in.
  - a. When have you tried to ease in...control or filter the Holy Spirit? How can you open yourself up more to the Holy Spirit?
6. Develop an intimate friendship with the Holy Spirit.
  - a. Have you ever referred to the Holy Spirit as "it"?
  - b. In 2 Corinthians, Paul mentioned the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. He loves, saves, and is friends with you. Which of the Trinity is easiest and hardest for you to accept and feel close to right now, and why?
  - c. Where do you feel stuck in your life? Have you asked the Holy Spirit's guidance?

**Respond:** Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?