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substitute for the
HOLY SPIRIT

God, The Holy Spirit

***Focus:** on welcoming the work of the Holy Spirit as He draws us into deeper loving worship of the Father and Son and enables us to love and serve one another.*

Discussion On God the Holy Spirit:

- **Option:** (could be used in place of or prior to the next two questions) if a Jehovah Witness came to your door and asserted that the Spirit is merely God's active force and not a divine person of the Trinity, what Scripture would you use?
 - Is it difficult for you to think of the Spirit as a person in the same sense as the Father and the Son? Why might that be? Which of these (or other) scriptures most help you counter that tendency? (cf. 1 Cor. 2.11b, Eph. 4.30; John 14.26; Acts 8:29; Rom. 8.26)
 - Among these scriptures (or others), which is most persuasive in helping you believe in the deity of the Spirit? (Gen. 1.1, 2; Rom. 8.11; Acts 5.3, 4; Matt. 28.19)
- Read the following verses about the Spirit's "shyness" concerning the Son: John 14:26; 15:26; 16.13-14. What does this imply about how walking with the Spirit will affect us individually and as a church?
- Have your people reflect on the many verses that were used in the sermon to unveil the Spirit's ministry. (You can read them

Here is a link to a helpful article on the Holy Spirit:

http://betweentheimes.com/index.php/2013/11/05/in-light-of-a-strange-fire-some-holy-spirit-thoughts/#_ftn5

together or have your group review their notes (bonus points if you mail these questions out in time for them to look them over ahead of time and come with answers at the ready!) Ezek. 36.26-27; Gal. 5.16, 22; Eph.3.16-19; Acts 9.31; 1 Cor. 12.7-11; 6.9-11; 6.19-20; 2 Pet. 1.21; Ro. 5.5) and share which ones you most desire to see the Spirit affect in your life. (These are effectively prayer requests!)

- **Optional discussion:** How should the truths of John 20.21-22 affect the way we do evangelism? and Heb. 4.7, what makes you tempted to resist the Spirit?



It's often been said that the Holy Spirit is the "Cinderella of the Trinity," the great neglected Person of the Godhead. But the Holy Spirit's desire and work is that we be overcome again, thrilled again, excited and gripped again by the wonder, the majesty, the relevance of Jesus. The Holy Spirit does not mind being Cinderella outside the ballroom if the Prince is honored inside his kingdom.

- Dale Bruner