

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...

Kingdom Principles 103-LG

Holy Spirit Doesn't Visit — He Dwells

6-Week Leader Guide & Personal Devotional

For The 5/20 Project Activation

PART 1 — LEADER GUIDE

Each week is designed to help people shift from emotion-based spirituality to Spirit-led daily obedience.

WEEK 1 — The Language That Shapes Our Experience

Main Focus: How our words about the Holy Spirit shape expectations and spiritual habits.

Key Scriptures: Proverbs 18:21; Mark 7:13; John 4:23–24

Teaching Goal

Help people recognize how phrases like “invite the Spirit” or “set the atmosphere” can unintentionally train believers to depend on feelings rather than truth.

Leader Emphasis Points

- Words create mental frameworks
- Frameworks create expectations
- Expectations shape spiritual experiences
- Truth must define experience — not the other way around

Group Discussion Question

Where have you learned to associate God's presence with a feeling, environment, or sound rather than with truth?

Leader Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to renew the group's thinking about His nearness and presence.

WEEK 2 — Who Jesus Said the Spirit Is

Main Focus: Understanding the Holy Spirit as a Person with a purpose, not a feeling.

Key Scriptures: John 14:16, 26; John 16:8, 13–14

Teaching Goal

Help people replace emotional definitions of the Spirit with Jesus' description: Helper, Teacher, Guide, Counselor.

Leader Emphasis Points

- The Spirit helps in weakness
- He teaches truth
- He guides decisions
- He forms Christlike character

Group Discussion Question

Which role of the Holy Spirit (Helper, Teacher, Guide, Convicter) do you most need to rely on in daily life right now — and why?

Leader Prayer Focus

Invite the Holy Spirit to make His guidance more recognizable to each person this week.

WEEK 3 — The Spirit Lives In You

Main Focus: The indwelling reality of the Spirit.

Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:11; John 14:17

Teaching Goal

Shift believers from event-based thinking to indwelling awareness.

Leader Emphasis Points

- You are the temple, not the building
- His presence is constant, not occasional
- Feelings change; indwelling does not

Group Discussion Question

How would your daily decisions change if you lived fully aware that the Holy Spirit is with you at every moment?

Leader Prayer Focus

Ask for heightened awareness of the Spirit during ordinary moments this week.

WEEK 4 — The Real Blocker: Resistance

Main Focus: The issue is not God's willingness to move — it is our resistance.

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Acts 7:51

Teaching Goal

Help people identify that yielding, not striving, increases spiritual sensitivity.

Leader Emphasis Points

- We don't need more of Him; He needs more of us
- Resistance dulls sensitivity
- Yielding sharpens awareness

Group Discussion Question

What form of resistance shows up most in your life — fear, control, distraction, pride, or something else?

Leader Prayer Focus

Lead a moment of surrender and softening toward the Spirit's voice.

WEEK 5 — Removing Internal Barriers

Main Focus: Identifying heart issues that limit responsiveness.

Key Scriptures: James 4:6; Proverbs 3:5–6; Hebrews 12:15; Luke 10:41–42

Teaching Goal

Expose inner attitudes that keep people from responding quickly to God.

Leader Emphasis Points

- Pride resists correction
- Control resists trust
- Fear resists obedience
- Distraction resists awareness
- Bitterness resists love

Group Discussion Question

Which inner barrier most often keeps you from responding quickly when you sense God nudging you?

Leader Prayer Focus

Pray for freedom from the specific barriers people identify.

WEEK 6 — From Awareness to Obedience (5/20 Activation)

Main Focus: Immediate Spirit-led compassion in daily life.

Key Scriptures: Galatians 5:25; James 1:22; Luke 10:33–34; Romans 8:14

Teaching Goal

Move people from awareness to action through simple obedience.

Leader Emphasis Points

- Spirit-led living happens in ordinary places
- Obedience is often simple and immediate
- Compassion is evidence of yielded living

Group Discussion Question

If you truly believed the Holy Spirit was prompting you throughout your day, what would you start doing differently this week?

Leader Prayer Focus

Commission the group to live alert and responsive to the Spirit this week.

Each devotional reinforces the weekly teaching and helps participants grow in daily sensitivity to Holy Spirit.

WEEK 1 DEVOTIONAL — God Is Nearer Than You Think

Reflect on how often you've equated God's presence with a feeling. Scripture shows that God is present whether emotions are high or low. Ask Him to help you build your faith on truth rather than atmosphere.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to trust Your nearness even when I don't feel it.

WEEK 2 DEVOTIONAL — The Spirit Is Your Helper Today

The Holy Spirit is actively helping you — guiding thoughts, prompting wisdom, and reminding you of truth. Look for His quiet help in ordinary decisions today.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, help me recognize Your guidance in small moments today.

WEEK 3 DEVOTIONAL — You Are God's Dwelling Place

You don't carry God into places — He is already with you. Let this truth change how you walk into work, stores, and conversations.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, that Your Spirit lives in me everywhere I go.

WEEK 4 DEVOTIONAL — Softening Your Heart

Resistance often feels like distraction, hesitation, or fear. Ask God to make your heart soft and responsive when He nudges you.

Prayer: Father, show me where I resist You and help me respond quickly.

WEEK 5 DEVOTIONAL — Removing What Blocks Love

Bitterness, pride, and fear block spiritual sensitivity. Invite God to gently remove anything that keeps you from loving freely.

Prayer: Lord, clear out anything in me that blocks Your love from flowing through me.

WEEK 6 DEVOTIONAL — Living Ready

Holy Spirit leads in real time. Today, stay alert. Someone may need encouragement, prayer, or practical help. Be prepared to respond, in real time.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, keep me aware and give me courage to obey You immediately. Amen.

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