

## Small Group Notes based on The Spirit 6

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- This Week: Being Spirit Led.
  - Normal Biblical Christianity involves living a Holy Spirit led life.
  - Read and discuss the following Scriptures dealing with being Spirit led:
    - The promises of **John 14:26** and **John 16:12-13**.
    - Lots of stuff in **Romans 8:13-16**.
    - Specific examples of being Spirit led:
      - **Acts 8:29** (Philip, go stand by that chariot.)
      - **Acts 11:28-30** (A famine is predicted.)
      - **Acts 13:2-3** (Set aside Barnabas and Saul.)
      - **Acts 15:28** (It seemed good to the Holy Spirit.)
      - **Acts 16:6-10** (Tried a few things then figured they had the Lord's leading.)
  - Nothing has changed with this. Normal Christianity involves living a Spirit led life.
- Sometimes, though, people can have difficulty with this. Work through and discuss these FAQs:
  - What is it like to be Spirit led? (Evaluate and discuss the following.)
    - The normal everyday Spirit Led life is about hearing the still small voice rather than an audible voice or miraculous sign from God.
    - Listen to "checks" and your "conscience."
    - Praying "open the door" or "close the door" can be dangerous too.
      - Don't misinterpret Satanic attacks for the Spirit's leading!
    - How loud does God have to speak for you to listen?
      - I've heard it said that God speaks louder through pain...
  - How does it go wrong? (Evaluate and discuss the following.)
    - We all miss it from time to time. Test everything. Don't just buy in.
    - Thinking emotions or desires are God talking to you.
    - Projecting what God is saying specifically to you onto others.
    - God shows the "finished product" but people don't anticipate a long hard process.
    - What God is telling you must line up with Biblical morality! No one gets a pass on that! That is a huge red flag.
  - I don't seem to be hearing anything? (Evaluate and discuss the following.)
    - Some people have an inability to get alone with God due to: trust issues, personal sin, pride/don't want to hear, etc.
    - Surrogate relationships with: church, church growth, (building projects), theology, political stances, moral/social opinions, etc., rather than with God.
    - Fear (misguided fear too) can be way too loud. Be still and know He is God.
    - What did you do with the last thing you heard?
  - How do I learn?
    - Practice! Ask for guidance from God and obey! Evaluate, then move forward again!
- This is really about just being close to God.
  - Re-establish your relationship with God even if you don't think you need to.
  - Draw close to God and He will draw close to you, **James 4:7-10**.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!