

MAIN POINT

Living a Holy Spirit Filled life means leaning in, listening, being attentive, and responding in obedience to the Holy Spirit.

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever followed a guide for a tour, hike, or something similar? Was your guide effective or ineffective? Why?

Do you think you could have had an equally successful or more successful trip without the guide? Why or why not?

We need guides on trips, hikes, or tours when we do not know the path or the history of a place. We need guides because we lack a good understanding of where we are and where we are going. Guides show us the way and explain in great detail how we grow in knowledge and truth. If we do not have a guide, we will lose our way and search for other ways or other people to give us counsel. We can look to many people in our Christian walk, like pastors, family, and friends, but the chief guide and helper that God has given us in our walk is the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION

> READ EZEKIEL 36:26-27; JEREMIAH 31:31-33; GALATIANS 5:25; JOHN 14:15-17.

What themes stand out to you in these passages about the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Why do we need our hearts replaced by the Holy Spirit?

What is the difference between knowing the law of God with your head and having it written on your heart?

If you are a follower of Jesus, how have you experienced this difference in your own life? Share examples as you feel comfortable.

What did Jesus give in John 14 as a measurement of people's love for Him?

How does the Holy Spirit enable us to obey Jesus' commands? How is this connected to our being given new hearts?

What are some ways a person might "keep in step with the Spirit"?

What are some practices you might implement into your life to help you lean in and listen to the Holy Spirit? How might attentiveness to the Spirit lead you to greater obedience to the Spirit?

Share about a time when you felt the Holy Spirit calling you to be obedient. How did you respond? How have you experienced God's grace even in times of failing to respond in the right way?

APPLICATION

How might the Holy Spirit be prompting you toward obedience to Jesus this week? How will you respond?