



**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**Sermon: Pneuma: Life In The Spirit | The Work**

**Main text: John 16:5; John 16:13-15**

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does this story tell me about God?  
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2. What does this story tell me about people (or about myself)?  
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3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it?  
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4. Who am I, going to tell?  
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**Other, Key quotes; points and questions to reflect on and discuss from Ryan's message:**

**Some key insights from the message:**

"Truth is reality as God defines it."

"When it is the legitimate activity and work of the Holy Spirit, the Father and the Son are always glorified."

"The spirit is like that close friend who whispers God's heart into our ears, helping us see Jesus clear day by day."

"He does not bring confusion but gently leads us into the truth of Jesus in whom we can trust."

**Key Questions...**

- 1). Ryan describes his initial experience at a Vineyard conference as expanding his "box of worship and church" and leading him on a journey to discern his beliefs about the Holy Spirit. What preconceived notions or "boxes" might we have about the Holy Spirit or His work, and how can we posture ourselves to be open to new understanding?
- 2). The sermon emphasizes that the Holy Spirit "gently but firmly shows the world where it is missing the mark" and draws hearts closer to God. In what ways have you experienced the Spirit's gentle conviction or drawing in your own life or observed it in others?  
(a) How does understanding this role of the Spirit impact how we engage with those who "do not believe in me"?
- 3). Ryan lists various scriptural phrases for the Spirit's activity (baptized, clothed, fell upon, poured out, received, filled) and notes a consistent theme of empowerment for work/ministry and the Spirit "longing for invitation". Which of these phrases resonates most with your current understanding or experience of the Holy Spirit?

(b) How can we actively "invite" the Spirit to empower us for the work God calls us to do, both individually and as a church?

**4).** Jesus states that it is "for your good that I'm going away. Unless I go away, the advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you". What does this statement reveal about the necessity and the blessing of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives today?

(c). How does the Spirit's ongoing work provide comfort, guidance, and power in a way that Jesus' physical presence could not in this current era?