

Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for June 24-25, 2017:
The Holy Spirit



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- Tell a ghost story.

- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

*5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." **John 3:5-8***

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- How do you understand the spiritual rebirth Jesus is describing? If you could ask Jesus a follow up question, what would it be?
- Like the wind, you see the impact of the Spirit rather than the Spirit itself. What evidence do you see of the Spirit at work in your life or in our world today?

Saint Augustine states *"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."*

- What evidence do you see of restless searching in our world today? In your own heart?
- How does God satisfy our restlessness?

- **Serve**

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

- What are a few of the gifts you see in the people around you?
- How does a person discover what God calling them to do with their gifts? What role does the Holy Spirit play in understanding and responding to this call?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**