


# DISCOVERING WHAT WE BELIEVE: Week 4 | *STUDY GUIDE*

EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## VIDEO LINKS

Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/1009427977/fe15c1723f?share=copy>

You Tube -  Discovering What We Believe - About The Holy Spirit

## INTRODUCTION

This week we explore the belief in the Holy Spirit, emphasizing its role as an advocate and counselor in our lives. He discusses the Holy Spirit's continuous presence and power, asserting that while God remains the same, the strength of faith may have diminished in today's consumer-driven culture. We learn about the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, with a challenge to actively live in alignment with these qualities to cultivate spiritual growth and community.

## TERMS + DEFINITIONS

Pneumatology - The Christian study of the Holy Spirit.

## ICE BREAKER

Share a fall family or friend tradition or something on your fall bucket list this year.

## Group Discussion Questions

1. How can understanding the Holy Spirit as our 'Advocate' or 'Counselor' change how we approach our daily challenges?

In what specific situations could you invite the Holy Spirit to be your advocate or counselor?

2. Read [Galatians 5:22-23](#). What does it mean to live a life defined by the 'fruits of the Spirit'?

Can you think of a time when displaying one of these fruits positively impacted someone else? How can you continue to do that?

3. Read [1 Corinthians 12:4-6](#) and [John 3:16-17](#). Why is it important for us to recognize and use our unique spiritual gifts within the Church?

What gifts might you possess, and how can you begin using them to serve others in your community?

4. Read [Romans 8:5](#) and [Ephesians 5:18](#). Discuss how spiritual disciplines, like prayer or Bible study, can help us grow in our relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Which spiritual discipline do you find hardest to practice, and how might you change your approach this week?

5. Read [John 7:37-39](#). What do you think Jesus meant when he said, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink'?

How can you consciously 'drink' from this living water in your daily life, especially during difficult times?

## PRAYER

Pass out index cards. Have everyone write a request and put face down in the middle of the table. Then, have people pick another card and pray for that person this week.

- Ask for prayer requests from the group.
- Pray for the ability to recognize the Holy Spirit's guidance in our daily lives.
- Request strength to deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit throughout the week.
- Ask God for opportunities to use our gifts to serve others and glorify Him.