



The Holy Spirit can be hard to understand. So when the Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible, He included self-portraits - visual portrayals of the invisible Spirit of God. Understanding these visuals - a dove, water, fire, and others - can provide insight into how God's Spirit works in and transforms Christians today.

**These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.**

**1 Read Genesis 2:7 and John 20:19-22.** The word for breath and spirit are one and the same in Hebrew: ruach. So from the first human, we see that **the Spirit brings life. Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-49.** Why does Paul make a parallel between Adam and Jesus? What does it tell us about our faith today and our future in eternity?

**2 Read Ezekiel 37:1-8.** Ezekiel is shown a valley of dry bones and asked by God if they can live again. What can we learn from Ezekiel's answer? What else strikes you about this set of verses?

**3 Read Ezekiel 37:9-14. The Spirit brings life out of death.** What are some "dry bones" in your life? Stop and pray as a group for these places, and ask God to do what only He can to bring life out of death.

**4 Read Mark 15:37 and Romans 8:10-11.** Jesus breathed his last so that we could breathe in the Spirit of God, animated for new life. If you look at the rest of Romans 8, how does the Spirit bear witness to this new life in us? What does the Spirit tell Christians and do for them?

**Bonus Question**

*2 Peter 1:21 says prophets like Ezekiel were "carried along by the Holy Spirit" in what they wrote. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Paul describes Scripture as "God-breathed." One of the ways God continues to breathe life into Christians is through the words of Scripture. Do you regularly read God's Word? If not, why not? If so, share how God's Spirit is impacting you through what you've been reading.*

