



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 Acts 2:1-21. Just as Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples. And **the Spirit spreads like fire**. What does this scene tell us about who can be filled with the Holy Spirit? Next, confess what category or demographic of people are you most tempted to "write off"?

2 Read Luke 3:16-17 and Malachi 3:1-2. Jesus' ministry is connected to both the Holy Spirit and fire. **The Spirit refines like fire**, bringing a clear word to the world and clear truth to the believer (see *John 16:7-13*). What's your reaction to this kind of judgment? How does the reality of judgment impact our witness to lost people in our lives?

3 Read Romans 8:12-16. As the Spirit works to refine us, the Spirit reminds us of our new identity as God's children. How does the Spirit's voice impact my

relationship with God? How does that impact my approach to "putting to death the misdeeds of the body"?

4 The presence of the Spirit can make you see things in a new light. What is the Spirit calling you to re-evaluate or remove from your life?

5 Read Galatians 5:13-26. According to Paul, the Spirit leads us on a journey and cultivates new fruit in our life. How does the Spirit's leading impact my relationship with others?

