

# HOLY SPIRIT

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. Of all the symbols of the Holy Spirit, which is your favorite? Which seems closest to how you feel the Holy Spirit is working in your life?
3. In what ways do we see Him at work in the Old Testament? In the New Testament?
4. Is it more difficult to understand the Holy Spirit than it is to understand God the Father or Jesus Christ? Why or why not?
5. What feast is known as the birthday of the Church?
6. What happened on this day? Why is it called the birthday of the Church?
7. The Church is both visible and invisible. It is an outward sign of an invisible reality. How would you put that in your own words?
8. The Church has a visible hierarchy, established by her founder, Jesus Christ. What are some ways we know Jesus made St. Peter the first pope – or visible head of the Church? (Hint: for more ideas, see the Saint of the Month reading in addition to the background reading!)
9. How is membership in the People of God different from belonging to a certain race, ethnicity, or nationality?
10. How does this quote from Scripture connect to the People of God? “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendant, heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:27-29).
11. How are the People of God like a family?
12. God has given each of us special gifts that we can use to serve Him and our neighbor. What are some of the gifts He has given you? How can you use them to do God’s will?
13. In what ways can we understand the phrase “Body of Christ”?
14. “I am the vine, you are the branches,” Jesus said in John 15:5. What do you think He meant?
15. What is the threefold mission of the Church?
16. Christ is the head of the Body, and the Holy Spirit is its soul. How would you put this idea in your own words?