

Listening Guide

I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

[1] What famous statement in Matthew 28:19 includes all three persons of the Trinity?

[2] What are the implications of the fact that the Holy Spirit is “Spirit”? And that He is “holy”?

[3] Of the responsibilities and acts the Holy Spirit was responsible for in the Old Testament, which two or three are most impressive to you?

[4] How would you summarize the Holy Spirit’s Old Testament roles in a brief paragraph so you could explain it to someone?

[5] How does this paragraph summarize the importance of the Spirit’s work?

[6] To help you remember what this paragraph teaches, list the ways it says the Holy Spirit is related to the church.

[7] How does the Holy Spirit influence a person's attitude toward the church?

[8] Did this paragraph influence your own attitude toward the church in general?

[9] Did this paragraph influence your attitude toward the church you attend? If so, how?

[10] What result does the Holy Spirit's work produce in a seeker's life?

[11] Why is the Holy Spirit needed for this work to happen?

[12] As you contemplate this list of ways the Holy Spirit ministers to believers, are there any that have made a significant difference in your life? List one or two instances where you have been aware of His presence.

[13] How "unreservedly" is your heart given to Him?

[14] How cautious have you been about not sinning against the Spirit?

[15] Have you committed any of the acts listed here?

[16] What is your response to this paragraph? Do you agree? Do you live as if it's true?

II. The Doctrine of the Bible

[17] Does this paragraph influence your attitude toward the Bible? If so, how?

[18] How should the first thing this paragraph says about the Bible influence anyone who believes the statement is true?

[19] Have you given the Bible the kind of respect this paragraph implies we should give it?

[20] Pause for a moment over the last sentence in this paragraph and consider the two things it says about the Bible. Consider both the Author and the offer He makes in the Bible.

[21] What two truths does this paragraph give to assure us that we can trust our modern Bible translations?

[22] What two reasons did this paragraph offer that support the claim that the Bible is God's Word?

[23] What difference would it make to you if we had no evidence that the Bible is inspired by God?

[24] How would you summarize this evidence into a brief explanation you can use to explain why a person can trust the Bible?

[25] Do you resonate with the last sentence in the paragraph? Do you find these things in the Bible when you read it? A sense of rightness? Strength? Do you have favorite Bible passages that give you wisdom?

[26] Do you pray that the Author of the Bible will guide you as you read it? Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 and consider whether we should ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand the Bible.

[27] Do you think a human with finite wisdom will always be able to clearly understand the mind of our God who has infinite wisdom?

[28] Can you be comfortable with ideas you find in the Bible that you don't understand or agree with?

[29] How would you explain who the Holy Spirit is and what ministries He performs to a sixth-grade Sunday school class?

[30] In a paragraph, explain the Bible's divine origin and why we can trust what it says.

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

It's important to have a clear understanding of who the Holy Spirit is, but it is equally important to understand His ministry to members of God's family. Review the answers given for the Holy Spirit's relationship to the church and what He does in the lives of believers. Ask yourself if and how you are benefitting from His ministry.