



Key Scripture:

John 16:12–15 (ESV)

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Psalms 139:1–6,23–24 (ESV)

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.
[...] ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Luke 4:18–19 (ESV)

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Discussion Questions:

If you surveyed people on the street in Nanaimo and asked them to give you 10 attributes of what a spirit is or can do what might they be?

From those 10 attributes, which apply to the Holy Spirit and which do not?

If you had to describe the Holy Spirit in 10 attributes, what would they be? Are you able to use scripture to back these up?

Read John 16:12-15. What is the significance of what Jesus said in v12?

Mike said on Sunday that the Holy Spirit is fully God. What then is the application of v13 when Jesus says, “...he will not speak on his own authority”? What does this reveal about the Trinity?

Is it possible for us to fully comprehend the Trinity while here on earth?

What does John 16:14 tell us about how we can tell if someone who professes to be ministering under the power of the Holy Spirit actually is?

How is spending time with the Holy Spirit comparable to spending time with Jesus?

Read Psalm 139:1-6,23-24. How does the Holy Spirit rescue us in our “thought-life”? How can we hand over our inner struggles to the Holy Spirit?

Read Psalm 139:7-16. What jumps out to you from the rest of this passage?

Do you have a testimony of the Holy Spirit working in you, like David in Psalm 139?

Read Luke 4:18-19. Jesus proclaimed this just after the beginning of His public ministry, after the Holy Spirit came down upon Him when He was baptised. Do we have the same amount of the Holy Spirit that Jesus had to enable us in the things He wants us to do?

If you had to adapt a similar proclamation for how God, through the Holy Spirit, wishes to use you in ministry what would it say?