Session Outline:

Assign the Review Questions for this lesson (from the Student Manual) the week before you do this lesson in class. Students may also need to reference *The Hayford Bible Handbook* to answer some of the Review Questions.[1]

I. The Holy Spirit (0:00 minutes)

A. The Person of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is not merely the power or influence of God, but He is the third person of the Trinity.
   - a. He is co-eternal and co-equal with the Father and the Son.
     - He can be known as God and our friend.
   - b. People often refer to the Holy Spirit as an "it," as the gifts, or baptism.
   - c. The Holy Spirit can be grieved, lied to, etc. He is a person!
2. God is our Father, Jesus is our friend, but who is the Holy Spirit?
   - a. The Holy Spirit has a personality.
   - b. He is the One with whom we are working.
     - Examples: being transported; caught up into the heavens; feeling His presence enter the room; smelling a fragrance, etc.
     - We learn to know Him through the fruit that He is producing in our lives; He teaches us and renews our minds—He is making our bodies His temple.
3. Spirit – means "wind or breath" in both Greek and Hebrew
   - a. Inspired – means "God-breathed"
     - All Scripture is God-breathed, inspired by Him. God breathed into Adam and he became a living soul.
     - His words are spirit and life.

My Notes:

4. The Word and the Spirit work together.
    a. Creation: God spoke and the Spirit moved.
    b. Signs and wonders accompany the preaching of the Word (Mark 16:15-20).

B. The New Covenant Promise of the Holy Spirit
1. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit moved through priests, prophets and kings; this was under the old covenant.
    a. They stood as representatives of God on the earth—they were the only ones anointed by God for specific functions.
    b. In the new covenant, Jesus promised that we would become new creations with new spirits: the Holy Spirit would not just rest on a few people any longer; He would rest on and in us, too.
    c. Jesus fulfilled the roles of priest, prophet, and king.
2. As an example to us, Jesus walked as a man on the earth and was anointed by the Holy Spirit.
    a. He came to send us out with the Holy Spirit—to accomplish His purposes; we are His representatives.

II. Anointing & Equipping Us (4:44)
A. The Role of the Priest
1. The Spirit groans in us with deep utterances (Romans 8:23).
    a. The Holy Spirit prays for us and with us.
2. The priest's role is to represent man to God and God to man.
    a. Jesus fulfilled this role by being our sacrifice.
3. We, too, represent God to man and as intercessors, represent man to God.
    a. Jesus is still interceding for us (Hebrews 7:25).
        • The present day ministry of Jesus is as an intercessor.
    b. As He is, so are we (I John 4:17). We also are intercessors on earth as His priests.

4. Priests also offer sacrifices. Jesus was the final sacrifice, meaning we no longer sacrifice animals. We do, however, make sacrifices.
    a. We continually offer sacrifices of praise to God; we give thanks to His name (Hebrews 13:15).
    b. We minister to God as well as to man.
        • The prayers of the saints fill the bowls like incense (Revelation 5:8). The saints fill the bowls with praise until they are tipped out on earth.
        • Heaven is poured out on earth through intercession.
        • "Prayer" is part of worship.
    c. Prayer is communing with God, dialoguing with Him.
5. The key to a prayer life as effective as Jesus' prayer life:
    a. Hebrews 5:7 "In the days of His flesh He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and **He was heard because of His piety**."
        • "…He was heard because of His beautiful Spirit of worship" (Williams New Testament).
6. Jesus is our example of a priest.
    a. He understands life's situations, our emotions and our weaknesses.
    b. While on earth, He was accessible and real.
        • We need to be accessible and real.
    c. We are a holy nation and a royal priesthood (I Peter 2:9).
        • Holy – means "set-apart"
        • We love what He loves; we do not live exclusively or distant from the world.
    d. The Pharisees lived apart and separated themselves from the world in order to stay holy.
        • Example: shadow crossing a dead person
    e. In the new covenant, grace is pro-active and militant: the influence of holiness flows from us to them!

- The influence of holiness changes the atmosphere! When our shadow crosses a sick person, they are healed!

7. The church was called *ekklesia*, meaning "the called out ones" (Greek).

a. Jesus said that upon the rock (His "messiahship") He will build His church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it (Matthew 16:16-18).

- Example: church marching against the gates of hell
- Gates are places of judgment and authority. The gates of hell will not stand against the church.

b. Matthew 16:18 (The Message Bible) "…this is the rock on which I will put together My church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out."

- You will have complete access to God's kingdom: no more barriers. There is a renewing of the mind.

8. Wherever the Spirit is calling us, we are equipped to change the situation. You are an innovator!

B. The Role of the Prophet

1. A prophet carries the governmental office of Prophet, not everyone is called to occupy this office. However, every believer who receives the Holy Spirit has an anointing and equipping in the prophetic.

a. We are to pursue love and prophesy with words of comfort, edification, and exhortation (I Corinthians 14:1-3).

2. In the old covenant, only prophets could walk with the prophetic anointing.

a. Under the new covenant, we can all speak words of encouragement from the Father.

3. Your life is also a prophetic statement/message to those around you of what God can do in their lives.

a. "…the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10).

4. In the old covenant, people were waiting for the Spirit to be poured out on all flesh because they believed it would signify the end of all time.
    a. Peter revealed that the messianic time had already come, that God's Spirit was already released on the earth.
        • Prophecy became a grace for all.

C. The Role of Kings
1. We are the children of God and therefore we are heirs of God—royalty (Romans 8:16-17).
    a. We are transformed into God's image (II Corinthians 3:18).
    b. We are seated in Christ and have authority through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:6).
2. We shall reign in life through Christ Jesus (Romans 5:17).
    a. We are to reign in life now—the kingdom is now and later!
    b. We are trained in this life for future ruling and reigning with Him.
        • We are the body of Christ, and we are far above all principalities and power.
3. We extend our sphere of influence where our King of Kings leads us.

D. Ambassadors Represent the King
1. Not only are we kings, but we also represent the King as ambassadors.
    a. Ambassador—means "elder; one who sets precedence."
    b. Being an ambassador means coming into your sphere and setting precedent in that place by bringing the kingdom principles.
        • Example: embassy guard in Tanzania
    c. An embassy is an extension of the government that it represents. Ambassadors do not act according to the laws of the country they are in, but according to the laws of the government they represent. Ambassadors have diplomatic immunity.

- Your source and condition is not determined by this world; your supply is from the government of heaven.
- We are not subject to the law of sin or death. We live by the law of love.

d. Ambassadors are often members of a royal family. They are chosen; they do not appoint themselves. They always remain citizens of the country they are from.

- We are citizens of heaven and our affections are turned towards heaven.

e. Ambassadors always receive their orders in writing so that there is no question of what they are to do.

- Our instructions are found in the Bible.

f. Ambassadors have a direct line back to the homeland.

- We have our prayer language.

g. Ambassadors are not in the host country for their own interests, but for the interests of their homeland. They do not take offense when they are insulted.

- God knows how to take care of His ambassadors.

III. The Comforter (23:59)

A. The Father Sends Another

1. Jesus told His disciples that the Father would send another Comforter.

a. The Holy Spirit is the Comforter; he would do in Jesus' absence what Jesus would do if He were with us.

b. The Spirit's coming assures continuity with what Jesus did and taught (*The Hayford Bible Handbook*).[1]

2. The apostle Luke was the only one of the gospel writers who continued in writing the rest of the story.

a. The book of Acts is a record of the works of the Holy Spirit; it is the same story as the works of Jesus in the gospels.

- It records what Jesus **began** to do and teach; the story is still being written today as we continue to do the same works.

3. Referring to the Holy Spirit, Jesus used the word *paraclete*, which means "one called alongside to help."

a. It is the Greek word for "counselor, comforter, and helper" and is used throughout the gospels.

b. A paraclete was someone who gave assistance in a court of law.

- This was the description of the role of the Holy Spirit.

B. The Seven-Fold Meaning of *Paraclete*

1. The seven-fold meaning of the word describes the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

a. Examples: stories of the Holy Spirit acting as comforter, intercessor, stand-by, advocate, helper, counselor, and strengthener.

- When you do what you can do, God will cover the rest
- Stand-by—means "one held in reserve": all the resources of heaven are reserved for us; they are readily available.

b. He is the Helper. He wants to move through and with us.

- Some people pray for "all of the Spirit and none of me," but Jesus would rather put all of Himself inside **all** of you.
- If you do not show-up, the world will never see the side of God that you represent.

c. Be yourself, because everyone else is taken!

- The Holy Spirit breaks away the lies, fear, and discouragement that have held us back. We now have the capability to fulfill our destinies.

2. The Lord commissioned His disciples to do signs and wonders (Mark 16:15-18).
    a. Example: minister at conference
    b. We lay hands on people and He provides the miracle.
        • God is looking for us to join in agreement with Him.
3. In the Sermon on the Mount message, the word *blessed* means "happy, fortunate, and to be envied" (Matthew 5:1-11).
    a. Those who mourn are blessed because they will be comforted (Matthew 5:4).
    b. Comforted – means "one called aside to help"
    c. "You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you" (Matthew 5:4 The Message Bible).
        • The comfort the Holy Spirit brings makes no sense.
        • Comfort—means "to sigh with empathy" It also carries the meaning of "to repent" – to change your thinking.
4. Jesus makes intercession everyday.
5. Not only is the Holy Spirit the Comforter to us, but He also enables us to become a comforter to others.
6. The Holy Spirit as our Strengthener gives us the ability to stand, and he gives us physical strength.
    a. The Spirit will quicken (give life to) our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11).
        • Mortal – means "our death-doomed physical body"
    b. He will equip us to do what we are called to do, but we should not push ourselves to exceed the boundaries of the grace we have been given for each task.
        • Example: rest to avoid moral mistakes

IV. Physical Health & Wholeness (38:20)

A. Your Spirit, Soul, and Body

1. Not only does the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life affect your spirit, but also your soul, body and sphere of influence.

a. Your salvation enabled the Holy Spirit to minister to all of you!

2. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

a. You are not your own. You are bought with a price! You are made His own!

B. The Health of Your Temple

1. He calls you to a place of healing in your body, reminding you to take care of and protect your body.

a. Example: a car the Holy Spirit lives in

2. You are now government property. When sickness comes, it is a trespass on government property; it is illegal.

3. God will cast His glory on any temple that He chooses to dwell in; we are to carry the glory of God individually.

a. Renew the mind and use the body as a weapon—an instrument of righteousness (Romans 6:12-13).

- We demonstrate His glory.
- Your body is not garbage. He wants to pour Himself out on His vessel.

4. God wants to bring us all to a place of divine health.

a. Miracles and healing are important, but God wants to take us to a new level where we live in continual health and abundance.

5. We are called to be people of health and provision.

a. Examples: Israelites eating from the promised land; Spokane healing rooms made it healthiest city

- The world seeks after health; miracles are signs for the world.

V. The Teacher (43:57)

A. Guides You Into All Truth

1. One of the chief ministries of the Holy Spirit is that of a Teacher.

2. When the truth-giving Spirit comes and guides you into all the truth, He will give the message that the Father gave to Him and will show you the future. He will draw upon what is from Jesus and transmit it to you (John 16:13-15 Amplified Bible).

a. The blueprints and strategies from the Father are taught to you through the Holy Spirit. He gives guidance for specific situations.

b. We have an anointing from the Holy Spirit that teaches us all things (I John 2:20).

- The Spirit distinguishes between false teachers and true teachers.

c. When you are taught, you draw from grace.

3. God teaches us through the Word, each other, teachers/speakers, as well as in other unique ways.

a. Example: the truth of salvation as taught by the Holy Spirit

- God is limitless in His creativity. He speaks through movies, circumstances, dreams, signs, creation, etc.

4. The revelation of the Spirit is seen in metaphor all around you.

a. Example: Bob Jones' teaching on the language of the Spirit

5. A key to understanding the lessons around you is to gain a deeper understanding of the Bible.

a. The Word is the standard by which all experience and revelation are measured.

b. As you see the Spirit speaking, you will better know how to interpret what God is saying through the Word (54:32 end).

Review Questions:

1. **Jesus fulfilled the roles of priest, prophet, and king, and sent us forth as His representatives, anointed with the same Spirit. Show how those functions are activated in us because of the Holy Spirit. Use other Scriptures to explain.**
   a. **Priest** – We are representatives from man to God as intercessors and from God to man as a royal priesthood. We bring the sacrifices of praise to Him (Hebrews 13:15) and minister to Him, as well as interceding on behalf of the world, just as Jesus intercedes (Hebrews 7:25).
   b. **Prophet** –The Holy Spirit makes known to us all that Christ received from the Father (John 16:15). All Christians are able to speak the word of the Father to the world. Not only are our words prophetic, but our lives are also prophetic statements to the world about the God that we serve.
   c. **King** – We rule and reign in heavenly places with Christ (Romans 5:17, 8:16-17, Ephesians 2:6). We are His ambassadors and represent Him to the world. We have the authority from the Holy Spirit and we live according to the rules of heaven. We are sent to do the work of the Father through the help of the Holy Spirit.

2. **Briefly note how the Holy Spirit fulfills each of these roles in your life. Feel free to use a dictionary to help define each aspect. Include personal accounts of the Holy Spirit's work in your life in these areas.**
   a. **Intercessor:** The Holy Spirit stands in the gap for you and intercedes for you even when you do not know how to pray.
   b. **Stand-by**: The Holy Spirit is here for you when you need Him and is by your side when you do not feel that you can accomplish the work that you have been sent to do. He uses you when you are a willing vessel and will bring the supplies of heaven to help fulfill your needs.

c. **Advocate:** The Holy Spirit takes up your defense in times of trouble and releases true justice over your life. He knows your heart and exercises truth on your behalf.

d. **Helper:** The Holy Spirit helps you when you are willing to do what you can. He is with you and able to accomplish through you what you could not do by yourself. Through Him you are able to truly be who you were made to be.

e. **Comforter:** The Holy Spirit replaces what you have lost and holds you in times of need. He is the dearest person in the world and understands your sorrow. He is the peace that surpasses your understanding.

f. **Counselor:** He guides you in all truth and ministers His wisdom to you when you are faced with difficult decisions or circumstances.

g. **Strengthener:** He not only strengthens your spirit, but also ministers physically to your body, making you able to stand in times of difficulty. He dwells in your body and adds His strength to you everyday.

3. **How does I Corinthians 6:19-20 impact what you believe about your physical being?**
   Your body is bought with a price and therefore is no longer your own, but is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. That realization should make you desire to take care of your body and be good to yourself. God is calling you into divine health and will give you divine strength because He lives in your body. Your physical body is not evil or a piece of junk; it is a temple and belongs to God.

4. **One of the chief ministries of the Holy Spirit is that of a teacher. What does John 16:13-15 show you about this role?**
   What the Holy Spirit draws from the Father and Jesus, He transmits to us, therefore, guiding us into the truth. He gives us discernment to be able to distinguish between false teachers and those who are anointed to teach. He is a good teacher and is creative in the ways that He speaks to us. He glorifies God through teaching us the secrets that the Father has for us.

5. **What are some different and creative ways that the Holy Spirit teaches us?**
   The Holy Spirit teaches us through dreams, visions, and other teachers that He brings into our lives. He also teaches through metaphors and science. Nature reveals God's attributes and His wisdom. The Holy Spirit will often use those things to reveal truth to us. Sometimes the Holy Spirit teaches through music, lyrics and movies. He will use anything He needs to get our attention. He teaches us through the Word and we can know how to interpret the metaphors of God through a deeper understanding of the Word of God. Therefore, it is important to study His Word and seek more revelation.

6. **Of the nine fruit of the Spirit, choose three (or more) that the Spirit has been emphasizing in your life in this season. How do you cultivate this fruit?**
   a. Joy – He teaches us to focus on Him through any circumstance and fills us with laughter even when we are frustrated. We cultivate joy in our lives by allowing the Holy Spirit to invade every area of our lives and change our perception of circumstances.
   b. Love – God is teaching us how to love people even when we do not agree with them or their lifestyle. He is showing us that His love keeps no record of wrongs and that this applies to everyone. No one is unworthy of our love! We cultivate this through soaking in His presence and learning His love for people. He gives us eyes to see how He views the people around us.
   c. Patience – He is showing us how His timing is better than our own and that in order to accomplish all that He has for us, we must wait on Him and not allow our need to control situations influence the decisions that we make. We cultivate this through radically obeying Him and by knowing His heart for us.

7. **In addition to equipping the church, the Holy Spirit also has a ministry to the world (John 16:8-11). Explain how the Spirit ministers to the world through believers.**
   The Holy Spirit lives in us and communicates His truth through us to the world. When we are yielded vessels to Him and allow His love to flow through our lives, He will be glorified through us and the world will see Him. Our lives are prophetic statements to the world about who God is. When we love the world, His love is demonstrated through us and people are saved. We demonstrate the kingdom of God to unbelievers by allowing the Holy Spirit to perform signs, wonders and healing to the world. This only happens through our daily agreement with Him and our surrender to His plans.

Discussion & Activation:

1. **Do you know the Holy Spirit as a person? Lie down on the floor somewhere and ask Him to reveal who He is to you. Allow this time to be simple and do not worry. He loves to be known and will not hold back from you.**

2. **We are sent with the anointing of the Holy Spirit to represent the King to the world. Using Scriptures from the lesson, write out a "job description" for you as a king's representative (ambassador) to the world. Read these aloud to each other in class.**

3. **Discuss with someone close to you (classmate, teacher, etc.) how the fruit of the Holy Spirit is being cultivated in your life. Pray together for the Lord to give you wisdom and insight on this journey of Christ-like living.**

1. Jack W. Hayford, *The Hayford Bible Handbook* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Inc, 2004).

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