

# Mystery

## The Holy Spirit Speaks to People in Supernatural ways

**ICEBREAKER:** What is your “picture” or mental image of the Holy Spirit “speaking” to someone? If it happened to you, how do you imagine that it would look or sound?

### 1. The primary way the Holy Spirit speaks to us is through the Bible

*For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21 ESV*

The Spirit will never contradict the Bible, He wrote it!

**DISCUSSION:** How do you listen to the word of God; the Bible? (Leader’s Note: If people aren’t reading the Bible they can’t listen to the Spirit in this way nor can the Holy Spirit draw on their knowledge of God’s Word to speak to others. If it seems right ask them how much they have been reading their Bible) Can you share a time when something in Scripture spoke to you and influenced an action in your life?

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. John 14:26 ESV*

**DISCUSSION:** How do you make yourself open in order to allow the Holy Spirit to teach you from God's word?

### 2. The Holy Spirit can speak to us through others

*And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying... Luke 1:67 ESV*

**DISCUSSION:** When was the last time you heard God speak to you through someone else? If it's been a while, could it be that you've possibly missed hearing God speak to you? How do you make yourself open in order to hear God speak to you through others?

*If it is something new, it is not for you!*

*Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. 1 John 4:1 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** How do you regularly test others to make sure they are speaking for the Spirit? How can you “test” the validity of someone who claims to speak by the Holy Spirit? If the test is Scripture, are you familiar enough with His word to discern truth from falsehood?

### **3. The Holy Spirit can speak to us directly with...**

#### a. Words

*While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Acts 13:2 ESV*

#### b. Impressions

*And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness... Luke 4:1 ESV*

**DISCUSSION:** When was the last time you acted on your Godly impressions? What happened? Has God ever spoken to you in a very unusual way? What happened?

### **4. The Holy Spirit can speak through us to others**

*And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speaks, but the Holy Spirit. Mark 13:11 ESV*

**DISCUSSION:** In what way do you make yourself available to allow the Holy Spirit to use you to speak to others? How do you open yourself to hear God's message so that you can deliver it to another? How do you feel about being used by the Holy Spirit in order to speak to others?

**PRAYER PROJECT:** Spend 5-7 minutes alone with God and ask Him to show you what areas in your life keep you from hearing Him speak to you. Then spend another 5-7 minutes and ask Him to show you how he would like for you to open yourself more to hear Him speak