

1 Corinthians 2:16b (NLT) - But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

Psalms 119:169 (NLT) - O LORD, listen to my cry; give me the discerning mind you promised.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NASB) - We are destroying arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

Romans 8:5-6 (NLT) - Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Luke 24:49 (NLT) - “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

The key: Open hearts, open hands

STUDY GUIDE

1. Let's start with the basics. What are the first things that come to mind when you hear “Holy Spirit”?
2. Can you identify where those perceptions and understandings came from? Where did the Word of God come into focus when forming your understanding?
3. Have you had any personal experience with regards to the Holy Spirit? How would you describe those experiences?
4. Here's another thought to ponder, with regards to all things Holy Spirit related: How would you describe your personal 'openness' to the working/moving of the Holy Spirit?
5. For this particular series on the Holy Spirit, our key to understanding and partnering is found in the title we gave the teachings: 'Open Heart, Open Hands'. What is your takeaway from that title? Are you encouraged and inspired by it? Are you intimidated by it?
6. Take time to simply pray and ask for all that God has for you - it's probably the single best prayer that you can offer up!