

## What does the Holy Spirit do?

**Scriptures:** John 3:3-8; Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 4:3-4, 13-16; 1 Cor. 12:4-11.

**See video shown at church on Sunday:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQgW36QFdSA>

1. Read John 3:3-8. Do you find the term “born again” helpful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? What does the term tell us about being a Christian? Share with your group ways in which you were enabled to ‘see with new eyes’ following your coming to faith?
2. From listening to the video, what does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?
3. Father Raniero said: “There cannot be a more rewarding experience than to experience the Holy Spirit.” Has this been true for you? He also said that the Holy Spirit changes nothing but changes everything. What do you think he meant?
4. The presenter Gemma spoke a lot about the Holy Spirit revealing to us that we have become God’s children, and he has become our Father. Why do you think it is important to understand we are adopted into his family?
5. Gemma quoted Anselm of Canterbury (11<sup>th</sup> century) who said: “I do not seek to understand in order to believe, but I believe in order to understand.” What did he mean? Was that your experience? Do you agree with him?
6. Read 2 Cor. 3:18 and Gal. 5:22-23. What does this tell us about the Spirit’s work in our lives? Have you ever experienced a God-given love, joy and peace?
7. How does the Holy Spirit work through the church? Read 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:13-16.
8. Is telling others about Jesus, a joy, a privilege, a fearful responsibility, or an irksome duty for you? See Acts 1:8. What word(s) might best describe evangelism for you?