

# Handout

## 1: Who is the Holy Spirit to me?

**? If you could ask God any question about the Holy Spirit, what would you ask?**

### George's Story...

As a kid growing up in a Pentecostal church, emphasis on the Holy Spirit sometimes filtered through to me in odd ways. I had a very difficult time relating to the Holy Spirit as a child and young person. I knew that Jesus loved me. But I felt the Holy Spirit didn't like me at all because He seemed to fill everyone but me.

**? Does George's experience surprise you? Why?**

**? How is your view of the Holy Spirit like or different from George's?**

### George's Story...

His name didn't exactly ring a bell with me either, because He was often called the Holy *Ghost*. I was frightened of ghosts because they hung around dead people and they were spooky and mysterious. I didn't know the Holy Ghost—the Holy Spirit—as a loving Person who was already in my life and who was continually seeking to fill me more with the presence of God and make my personality like Jesus. So, I had a very warped view of the Holy Spirit.

**? How does George describe the Holy Ghost at first? Have you ever thought of the Holy Spirit like that?**

**? Does the Holy Spirit seem like a person to you? Why or why not?**

**? If we were reading your story instead of George's, how would you describe the Holy Spirit?**

John 16:7,8: "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment."

**? Who is the Holy Spirit to you?**

**? In these verses, what is the Holy Spirit called?**

**? How does your view of the Holy Spirit change if you think of Him as a "He," rather than an "It"?**

John 14:26: "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

**? What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do in this passage?**

Acts 13:2: 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."

**? How might the Holy Spirit speak to us?**

**? Can you share a time that the Holy Spirit spoke to you or someone you know?**

• Here's a list of some of the things the Bible says the Holy Spirit does.

He testifies. (John 15:26)

He teaches. (John 14:26)

He convicts. (John 16:8–11)

He intercedes for us. (Romans 8:26,27)

He guides us into truth and directs our steps. (John 16:13; Acts 16:6,7)

He reveals God's Word to us. (2 Peter 1:21)

**? How do you think the Holy Spirit is able to do all these amazing things?**

• Here are a few verses that tell us about the nature of the Holy Spirit: Psalm 139:1,7,8; John 16:12,13; Hebrews 9:14.

**? What do each of these verses tell us about the Holy Spirit's nature?**

**? Now that you know that the person of the Holy Spirit is God, have you changed any of your opinions about Him? How so?**

### My Response

This week, use the back of this sheet to keep a record of experiences where you believe the Holy Spirit works in your life.