



## Discussion Guide for “The Holy Spirit” *Believe* Week 9

We’re deeply skeptical that people can ever really change. But God promised to make us into new creations. The Holy Spirit is the one who transforms us, who brings real and lasting change. A church who believes in the Holy Spirit is a church that holds space for people to encounter the Spirit. We trust and celebrate as the Spirit brings new life.

### Scriptures for Further Reading

[John 3:5-8](#)

[John 16:5-15](#)

[Acts 1:6-9](#)

[Romans 8:9-16](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:1-7](#)

### Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, here is [a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week’s passage is [Romans 8:9-16](#).

### Questions for Discussion

1. Why do we struggle to believe people can really change? How is our inability to change connected to our sinfulness?
2. Do you give thought to the Holy Spirit in your life? What does it mean to say the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity?
3. What does it mean to ‘hold space’ for someone? Why is this an important practice for we who believe in the Holy Spirit?
4. According to Jesus (John 3:5-8), the Spirit is unpredictable. Why does this make holding space hard?
5. For whom do you need to hold space this week? How can you do that?
6. In what areas of your life do you need transformation? How can you make yourself available to the Spirit this week to be transformed?