

***Forgotten God* Reading Plan**

Use this as it serves you best: read along personally, incorporate the discussion question during your group meetings, or use the Conversation Starters as a tool to initiate a spiritual conversation and make God known to those who need to find hope in Jesus.

Week 1: Read Chapter 1

Self-Reflection (pgs. 36-37)

Where have you settled for a life of believing in Jesus but not fully depending on the Spirit? Where are you living life as a caterpillar instead of a butterfly?

Group Discussion Question

What would look different in your life if you truly relied on the Holy Spirit every day?

Conversation Starter

Have you ever felt like there was “something more” to life than what you’ve experienced so far? What do you think that might be?

Week 2: Read Chapter 2

Self-Reflection (p. 47)

What fears or misconceptions keep you from fully embracing the Spirit’s leading? Where are you tempted to “cover for God” by asking or expecting less?

Group Discussion Question

How can we overcome fear and trust the Spirit when He speaks through God’s Word?

Conversation Starter

When you hear the phrase “God speaks,” what comes to your mind? Do you think it’s possible for God to guide people today?

Week 3: Read Chapter 3

Self-Reflection (pgs. 74-76)

These pages provide a list of how the Holy Spirit’s presence is made manifest in our lives. What is one truth about the Holy Spirit’s nature or role that challenges or reshapes how you’ve thought about Him? Which promise do you need to experience more of? Ask God to help you grow in this area.

Group Discussion Question

How does understanding who the Holy Spirit is (His personhood, power, and presence) impact the way we live as followers of Jesus?

Conversation Starter

When you think about “Spirit” or “spiritual power,” what comes to mind? How might knowing God’s Spirit is personal and present change that view?

Week 4: Read Chapter 4

Self-Reflection (pgs. 84-85)

Why do you want the Holy Spirit's presence in your life? For your own benefit such as comfort and control, or true transformation and God's glory? Do you have love for the Church and a desire to encourage others to take a next in their faith journey?

Group Discussion Question

What does it mean for us as believers to truly live as the temple of the Holy Spirit?

Conversation Starter

What difference do you think God's presence within you could make in your life?

Week 5: Read Chapter 5

Self-Reflection (pgs. 106-110)

In what ways do you need to move from viewing the Spirit as a concept to relating to Him as a Person?

Which obstacle: comfort or volume, do you need to remove from your life to more deeply connect with the Holy Spirit?

Group Discussion Question

How can our group create space for the Spirit to use our gifts for God's glory?

Conversation Starter

What do you think the world would look like if everyone used their talents to help others instead of just themselves?

Week 6: Read Chapter 6

Self-Reflection (pgs. 119-120)

How can you better depend on the Spirit's daily guidance instead of trying to control your future? Do you tend to focus more on "God's will for your life" or your response to His Spirit's leading today?

Group Discussion Question

Why is listening to the Spirit essential for standing firm in spiritual battles? Jesus calls us to take up our cross daily – this requires total surrender. What does surrender look like practically when facing difficult or painful life circumstances?

Conversation Starter

What challenges or struggles do you see in life that feel bigger than what people can handle on their own? Where do you think strength comes from to face those?

Week 7: Read Chapter 7

Self-Reflection (pgs. 146-149)

How do you see the fruit of the Spirit—or lack of it—evident in your life right now? Do you follow the example of Elijah and pray fervently for the Holy Spirit to work in your life?

Group Discussion Question

How can we encourage one another to live Spirit-empowered lives on mission?

Conversation Starter

Where do you usually look for joy or fulfillment in life? How lasting do you think that joy really is?