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# LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## Skill

Listen to the Holy Spirit is being still while opening our hearts and minds to clearly hear the voice and receive the revelation of the Spirit of Jesus.

## Design

Listen to the Holy Spirit (dove/fire) > The dove illustrates John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you." The dove is a universal symbol of reconciliation and innocence. The fire illustrates the tongues of fire on Pentecost Day in Acts 2. The **sketch** is a flame illustrating the light of gospel truth to deliver spiritual captives out of death as well as the warmth and compassion of Jesus' Spirit as Comforter and Counselor (John 14). The flame also illustrates His presence and salvation assurance (Ephesians 1:13-14).

## Story

Holy Spirit Leadership (Acts 16:6-10)

This story demonstrates Listen to the Holy Spirit as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Jesus guiding an apostolic team by His Spirit. The Holy Spirit stopped Paul from preaching in Asia, and then would not allow them to enter an area they strategically planned to go. Through a vision at night, the Holy Spirit revealed a future encounter Paul would have with a person of peace. When the team obeyed this calling, they met Lydia and baptized her family.

## Scriptures

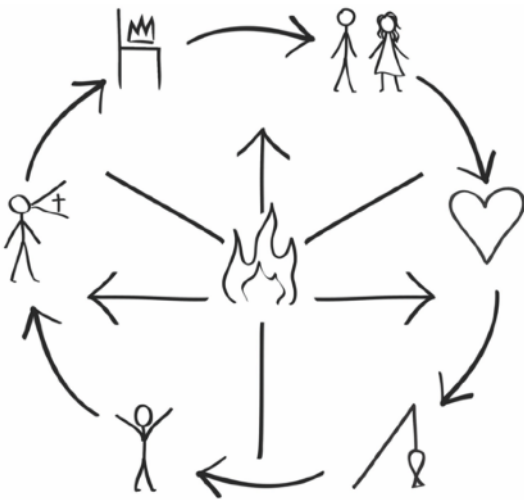
John 16:13 > When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come.

Revelation 3:22 > Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Holy Spirit is already saying to the churches.

## Lesson Summary

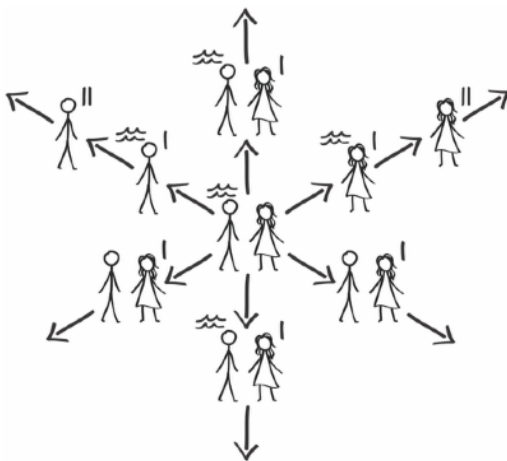
Listen to the Holy Spirit involves a desperation to hear God speak. Elijah asked God to take his life when he became afraid of his enemies. Instead, God's Spirit met him on the mountain and quietly, gently ministered healing, hope, and encouragement that overcame Elijah's despair (1 Kings 19:13). Jesus taught that His true disciples will clearly hear His voice, enjoy communion with Him, and follow His leadership (John 10:27). After Paul received the Macedonia Call dream, his team immediately made plans to follow the Spirit's revelation which resulted in the discovery of a Mark 4:20 household of peace (Acts 16:10).

## Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

## Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?