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## Is He a Person? Robert Morris

**Focus** The Holy Spirit has a distinct personality. As the third person of the Trinity, He has a soul. He has the mind of God, He knows the will of God, and He has God's emotions.

**Fun** What do you like to do for fun? If you had a free day to do anything you wanted, what would you do?

**Review** Key Scriptures: Romans 8:26–28; Ephesians 4:25–32

- **The Holy Spirit is a person, and He has a mind.**

If you don't see the Holy Spirit as a person, then you won't develop a personal relationship with Him. A person has a personality and a soul. The Holy Spirit helps us think what God thinks, desire what God desires, and feel what God feels. John 16:13 says that the Holy Spirit leads us into all truth. The Holy Spirit knows everything, lives inside of you, and is committed to being your teacher.

- **He has a will.**

If you would like to know God's will, get to know the Holy Spirit. We know the general will of God from the Bible, but we can know the specific will of God when we hear His voice. Romans 8:26–27 says that when we don't know what to pray, the Holy Spirit can help us because He knows the mind and will of God. Jesus came so we could have a personal relationship with God. The way we know God's will is to get to know the Holy Spirit.

- **He has emotions.**

All the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5 are aspects of the Holy Spirit's personality, and Ephesians 4:30 tells us not to grieve the Holy Spirit. When a believer walks in sin, it grieves the Holy Spirit because sin brings death and causes us to lose intimacy with God.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** The key to a great small group is great relationships. Be intentional about creating a relational culture. Take time for people to interact and get to know each other. Make sure to have fun and make your small group a place that is engaging. Great relational connections are the glue that keeps a small group together.

**Discuss**

1. When you think of the Holy Spirit, what comes to your mind? Do you see Him as distant and mysterious, or close and personal?
2. Have you ever considered that God has a personality? What are some of His personality traits?
3. We know the general will of God from the Bible and the specific will of God by hearing His voice. In what ways does cultivating a relationship with the Holy Spirit help you to know God's will? Can you think of any examples from your own life?
4. Read Galatians 5:22–23. What does this passage tell us about the Holy Spirit's emotions? How would you use this passage to describe the Holy Spirit's personality to someone?
5. How can we get to know the Holy Spirit better now that we know He is a person?
6. Read Ephesians 4:25–32. What are some things that grieve the Holy Spirit? In addition to this list, what are some other things that grieve the Holy Spirit?
7. Why is it important not to grieve the Holy Spirit?

Take a moment for everyone in the group to bow their heads to reflect. Ask them: What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? Are there areas of your life that might grieve the Holy Spirit? Take time to surrender those things to God. Ask God to help you not grieve the Holy Spirit.

**Take Home**

As we conclude, remember the following:

- The Holy Spirit is a person and has a mind.
- The Holy Spirit has a will.
- The Holy Spirit has emotions.

**Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the person of the Holy Spirit. We want to get to know the Holy Spirit. God, please teach what is on Your mind. Show us Your specific will. Please help us not grieve the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** In order to build relationships, there needs to be trust. You can cultivate an atmosphere of trust by making your group a safe place. At the beginning of the semester, it is okay to communicate ground rules like confidentiality, no gossip, being respectful of others, etc. When you create a safe atmosphere, people are more willing to be open and share because there is trust. This environment is great for building genuine relationships!