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GHOST:

The Illuminator

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Introduction

In his message last weekend, Pastor John described who the Holy Spirit is and pointed out why He is essential in believers' lives: as the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit indwells every believer and is essential for our faith. This week, Pastor Chip continues with our series *Ghost*, explaining how the Holy Spirit illuminates our lives.

Discussion

1. **Read John 14:26.** What does Jesus promise the Holy Spirit will do for believers in this verse? Have you ever thought of the Holy Spirit as a counselor? Do you think of Him as your teacher? If you have an example, share a tough situation or decision you faced when a forgotten verse popped into your mind to provide the wisdom you needed.
2. **Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-6.** To whom did Paul say the Gospel is veiled? What is spiritual blindness? In light of this text, how should we see the world around us? How can we help others overcome their spiritual blindness?
3. Pastor Chip defines spiritual illumination as "how the Holy Spirit shines His light into our hearts to help us understand and be transformed." Share a time when the Holy Spirit illuminated a passage of Scripture for you and how that Scripture transformed your thinking and life.
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 2:4-12.** What does the passage tell us? Note the plurality of this passage. Why do we need other Christians in our lives if we want to fully understand all the Holy Spirit is trying to counsel and teach us?

Think About It

A young livestock farmer spent endless hours studying research and feed rations for his livestock in order to provide for better animal health and efficiency. But, it wasn't until years later when he took a couple college courses that he fully understood his livestock's biological systems and realized how different rations affected his animals. Later, the young man became a Christian, and the same type of reality entered his spiritual life. Before he came to Christ, the Bible was just stories, but when the Holy Spirit entered his life, the Bible became words of life.

Do Something

1. Read each of Chip's three prayers below, and have each member of your group signify which of these prayers they most need now. Then, pray in accordance with the requests:
 - Holy Spirit, give me sight so I can see Your truth and beauty.
 - Holy Spirit, as I read Your word, open the eyes of my heart to better understand Your truth.
 - Holy Spirit, illuminate my heart and mind through discipleship relationships and move through me to help illuminate others.
2. As you read the Bible this week, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal something from the passage you are reading.