



# UNSEEN

## SESSION 3 - UNSEEN GOD

### SERIES BIG IDEA

Learning to see the unseen helps us recognize that our story is part of God's bigger story of redemption.

### MESSAGE BIG IDEA

The Spirit is the unseen presence and power of God in our lives.

### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-3, John 1:1, and John 14:15-20.

### ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

Use this time to open your group and break the ice. The second question is designed to help groups become more comfortable with the topic of the day and to engage each other. The topic of the Trinity could be new to some group members, and that's okay. It's a hard concept – sometimes it helps to refer to visual metaphors like three-leaf clovers or even a three-note chord. They aren't separate, but they are three persons.

### BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read the scripture out loud and allow your group time to think through the questions. Remember that people will be coming from different places with the Holy Spirit. Some traditions emphasize the Holy Spirit weekly, and others barely mention the work of the Spirit.

### APPLICATION

These are simple questions, yet could have complex responses. Let your group walk through them slowly. The metaphors are useful to a point, but they were all break-down at some point. Make sure people are substituting the metaphor for the actual Spirit – only that these are helpful ways to understand something complex.

The Henri Nouwen quote is designed to show how one theologian tried to keep his faith rooted not just in abstracts, but in loving God and loving others better and deeper daily.

### CHALLENGE

Ask your group to commit to praying this prayer daily: "Holy Spirit, make me aware of your presence and fill me with your power." What could it mean in your life to be aware of God's presence and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit? Ask for that to be revealed to you this week.