



## STUDY GUIDE – December 27, 2020

**Message Series:** 'Tis the Season  
**Message Title:** For Existential Presence  
**Teaching Pastor:** Elijah Schiarelli

### **Warm-up/Icebreaker:**

Even though it was a challenging year, share a highlight from 2020.

### **Pray:**

Dear Lord, prepare our hearts and minds to hear from You. Your Holy Presence is within us, help us to consider that, as we breathe in and out. Enable us to go deeper in our understanding of Your Word and know You more and more with each day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Get Started:**

"The hope and good-feelings that come with this season have been so very welcome... We are reminded that God does move and act in the middle of the chaos of our world, and this is what warrants so much fanfare, excitement, and hope. This hope penetrates through the challenges that 2020 has brought."

-Pastor Elijah Schiarelli

### **Read Roman's 5:1-5.**

- What is one way that you experienced hope and/or saw God at work over this Christmas season? Share details.

### **Watch and Discuss Video:**

"This Christmas season may be over, but God's presence with us has always been more than a season. Jesus came and left this earth, but His parting gift to us wasn't temporary. His Spirit is here, right now, ready to bring death to life, and it begins in us. So may we breathe in the ru'ach... breathe out the pneuma." -Pastor Elijah Schiarelli

The name Holy Spirit translates from the word Pneuma (or Ru'ach), meaning "wind, breath, or spirit." The latter is defined as the culmination of God's perpetual presence deep within us.

### **Read John 14:15-21.**

- How did your understanding of the Holy Spirit deepen as a result of Pastor Elijah's message, the follow-up video and/or the scripture above?

### **Reflect and Commit:**

"The disciples, compelled by the leading of the Holy Spirit, set out to tell everyone about God's promise of His presence with them. They made it their number one priority to make sure the world knew that God's promise applied to everyone, from their day until ours. This is the work you're called to. You are called to breathe out the Pneuma, just like Jesus and His disciples. There are hundreds of thousands of people all

around us who are like Adam, waiting for the Holy Spirit, waiting for YOU. God, in His infinite, unobtainable wisdom, picked YOU to carry His Spirit forward to the ends of the earth. Jesus came at Christmas and lived His life to prove God's love for you and to teach you how to carry the Holy Spirit to the world. Today, it's time to get up, follow the Pneuma's movement, and take this message to the ends of the earth." -Pastor Elijah Schiarelli

**Read Acts 2:36-41 and Mark 15:15-16.**

- How does the first passage, that takes place immediately after the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples, relate to what we are called to do as believers?
- What is your reaction to Jesus' message in Mark?

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, You are able to save, deliver, heal and restore all. You take us from death to life, showing Your resurrection power. Pour out Your Spirit on those with which we come into contact, so they may also be saved. Help us all to live the fullest lives possible through Jesus Christ. It's in His name we pray. Amen.