



The Death of Microtransactions | BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator Note: We encourage facilitators to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for deeper conversation and personal meditation.

PRESS START

There is nothing more frustrating to a gamer than microtransactions. We all remember the disastrous release of *Star Wars: Battlefront II* (2017). The game was so full of microtransactions that it was nearly unplayable.

Ask: Why are microtransactions so frustrating? What does it communicate to gamers when a game is full of them?

EQUIP

Sometimes, we treat the Holy Spirit like a microtransaction. We act like if we pray hard enough, read our bible enough, or believe enough, the Holy Spirit will give us what we want. The Holy Spirit will give like a microtransaction if we pay the price. Our relationship with the Holy Spirit becomes transactional.

Ask: Why do you think treating the Holy Spirit like a microtransaction in a game can be dangerous?

LEVEL UP

Read Romans 8:9-11: You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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The Holy Spirit is not a microtransaction, but a person at work within you. We can choose to live life in the flesh (sin). Yet, if we live life in the flesh, it only leads to death. But if we live life in the Spirit by surrendering to the work of Him in our lives, we share in Jesus' resurrection. The Spirit is not there to grant our every desire but to form us into people who love God and our neighbor perfectly.

Ask: Why do we often treat the Holy Spirit like a microtransaction?

Ask: What are some ways the Holy Spirit has worked in you over the past few years?

PRAY

Almighty God, to you, all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you, no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE NEXT LEVEL

Read: Psalm 51:10-12 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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