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Session 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

1. Why did Jesus tell the disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit?

2. The Greek word for “helper,” which Jesus uses to describe the Holy Spirit, means, “one called to stand alongside” to assist during a struggle. Have you thought of the Holy Spirit like this before? How else do you think of the Spirit?

3. How does the Holy Spirit remind us as a church of the promises God has made and of our mission?

4. How do you have a continuous relationship with the Holy Spirit?

5. Describe how you have experienced the Holy Spirit as your comforter, advocate, and helper.

6. The video mentioned that the disciples would face great hostility and many challenges. What hostility and challenges do Christians still face today?

7. Is there anything the Holy Spirit won't help you do? Explain.

8. PERSONAL TAKE-HOME: For the rest of the month, we're going to continue looking at what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit in John 14-16. Please take some time to read those chapters during this week in preparation for our next discussion. Ask the Spirit to guide you as you read.

Bible References

John 14:15-18
Matthew 28:20

Matthew 16:18
Romans 5:5

Romans 8:16-17

Session 2: The Spirit of Truth

1. What are some ways you see the Holy Spirit every day in your life?

2. How does the Holy Spirit help you to identify the truth? What are the truths that the Spirit has taught you?

3. Why is it important to engage with the Holy Spirit as you read the Bible, or as you listen to God's word?

4. If what we say and what we do are being led by the Spirit of truth, then what will people hear us say and see us do?

5. How important is it to have a source we can trust?

6. The Spirit glorifies Jesus Christ. How can this knowledge help us determine if our actions and words are Spirit-led?

7. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will "guide you into all truth." Why wouldn't the Holy Spirit be more direct and forceful with truth?

8. PERSONAL TAKE-HOME: Write a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of Jesus in your life.

Bible References

John 14:15-17

John 15:26

John 16:13-14

Session 3: A Witness of Christ

1. “The Holy Spirit’s purpose on earth is to maintain the cause of Christ, sanctify Christians, and provide comfort in a world that so desperately needs Christ, but so stubbornly pushes Him away.” What do the phrases “maintain the cause of Christ” and “sanctify Christians” mean to you? What is our purpose on earth?

2. What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you about Jesus Christ?

3. It’s not always easy to be a witness for Jesus. How can you work with the Holy Spirit to overcome your fears and courageously be a witness for the Lord?

4. Even as followers of Jesus, we may experience moments when we feel like we need to deny or reject Him because of the people we find ourselves with. That’s now how we’re called to live as Christians. How can you work on getting past the apprehension and fear you feel in those moments?

5. How does your relationship with the Holy Spirit secure your trust in the promises of God?

6. Why did the disciples’ responses change so dramatically from fear and despair right after Jesus’ death to these courageous moments in the book of Acts?

7. In this session, we looked at the disciple's actions before and after receiving the Holy Spirit. Do you have such a change that you can look at in your life? Do you think it's important to see changes in our lives based on the activity of the Holy Spirit?

Bible References

John 15:26-27

John 21:1-4

Acts 12:1-2

Luke 22:57

Acts 2

Acts 4:27-29

Luke 24:11, 13-14

Acts 4:1-4

John 20:25

Acts 5:40-43

Session 4: The Spirit of Knowledge

Before you begin your discussion, please take a few moments to reflect on the Pentecost service.

1. Why could the Holy Spirit only come after Jesus had returned to His Father?

2. As you work to allow the new creation to grow within you, how can the Holy Spirit assist you in battling against sin and the pressures of your old self?

3. John 16:8 says the Spirit would convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement. The Greek word that is used for convict (elegchō) means to “show someone their sin and summon them to repentance.” How does the Holy Spirit convict you of your sins? What is the process of coming to repentance like for you?

4. How can the Holy Spirit remind you each day of the freedom that you have through the love of Jesus Christ?

5. What prevents, or contributes to, the love and unity within a congregation?

6. What truth and knowledge has the Holy Spirit revealed to you over time? (I used to think _____, but now I think _____.)

7. How do the Persons of the Trinity testify of each other?

Bible Reference

John 16:7-15