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FIRST ORLANDO GROUPS

04-12-26

Pastor Trey Hildebrant

MAIN TEXT:

John 14-16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Belong: (Ice Breaker): What was your favorite part of your Easter Week Celebration?

Leader's Note to Share with your group:

We're in a new series on the Holy Spirit called FORGOTTEN GOD. In many faith circles, the Holy Spirit doesn't get much attention. At least in the world I grew up in, that was the case. And even if the Holy Spirit got attention in your faith background, He is often misunderstood and confusing.

But knowing the Holy Spirit, living with the Holy Spirit, is the KEY to living a full life in God. This is about how to walk with God every day.

These teachings will focus on WHO the Holy Spirit is and His role in our lives. Here is the outline for the next few weeks:

- Week 1: Series overview
- Week 2: The Holy Spirit's power in transformation
- Week 3: Spiritual Warfare (going to be interesting! Angels and demons)
- Week 4: The Holy Spirit empowering us to live on mission and with purpose

Believe:

Read John 16:1-11

- What stands out to you from this passage?
- How would you describe the work of the Holy Spirit according to Jesus?
- Why is it a good thing that Jesus goes away? How do you think the disciples felt about this statement?

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Read John 16:12-15

- What else does the Holy Spirit do for followers of Christ? Has this been true in your life?
- Share a story about when the Holy Spirit guided you in your everyday life? What happened as a result? What did it change in your circumstances? What did it change in your own heart or mind?

Read John 14:16-17

- What else does Jesus teach his disciples about the Holy Spirit? Where does the Holy Spirit dwell?
- Read: "Upon becoming a Christian...we have ACCESS to the Holy Spirit. I'll say it this way– Access to the Holy Spirit's presence and power is the privilege of every believer...but not every Christian utilizes this access."- Pastor Trey
- What is the difference in having access to the Holy Spirit and utilizing the access we have been promised?

Read John 14:26

- What will the Holy Spirit always guide us towards? What has He brought to remembrance to you lately?
- How do we learn to recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
- What are some habits or rhythms we can keep that will keep us sensitive to His guidance?

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Become:

Read John 15:26

- Who does the Holy Spirit always point people to? What is one good way to test the voice you are listening to, to see if it is God or yourself, or someone else?
- "Knowing the voice of God versus our own voice is dependent on BUILDING the relationship with God BEFORE we ask for His will. God's voice is relational not transactional." - Pastor Trey
- What do you think this means? How do we tend to make God's voice "transactional"?
- Pastor Trey shared that prayer is the primary pathway to building a personal and experiential relationship with the Holy Spirit. As a group, take time to pray together, sharing needs, burdens, and requests.
- Encourage your group members to sign up for daily prayer texts this week. Text "daily" to 40777
- Invite your group to participate in Sunday Funday in the Courtyard before or after services!