

Groups Discussion Guide
The Guidance of the Holy Spirit
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Text

John 14:15-17

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,^[b] to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be^[c] in you.

John 14:25-27

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 16:12-15

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **14** He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **15** All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Background:

Over the past three weeks we have been learning about the Holy Spirit. This week Pastor David shares what Jesus taught his disciples concerning the Holy Spirit and how he guides us. In John 14, Jesus tells his followers that he is leaving them and that he is going to prepare a place for them. They are obviously distressed by this. Why is Jesus leaving them alone? What are they going to do? How are they going to get to where he is going? And Thomas asks the question that must have been on everyone’s mind:

How will we know the way?” Thomas - John 14:5

Jesus answers, “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

But wait, he is leaving. Now what?

Jesus next tells Thomas (and the others) how they will know the way. But he isn't talking about a physical path to a physical location. Jesus is pointing to the work of the Spirit within us to guide us on the straight path.

Instructions: (copy and paste from previous weeks)

Getting Started: Tell us about a time when you were lost and had to stop and ask directions? What made the difference in getting you where you needed to go?

Talk It over

Read John 14:15-17: When will the Spirit come? Who sends the Spirit? Where will he dwell? For how long? What do you think those gathered in the upper room thought when they heard this for the first time? What would your response have been?

Read John 16:12-15, and John 14:26: How does Jesus describe the Spirit? In what way does the Spirit guide us into truth? What do you notice in this passage about the Father, Son, and the Spirit? Share about a time when the Spirit ever helped you remember a truth from Scripture at just the right moment.

Read John 14:27 and John 16:33: What is the beautiful byproduct of the work of the Spirit in our lives as believers? Jesus said for us to take heart or be of good cheer because he has overcome the world. Soon after he said this to the disciples he was crucified on the cross for our sins. Do you think it was hard for them to believe that promise? Do you look at the world today and struggle to find peace? How can we “be of good courage” and remind each other that Jesus has indeed overcome the world?

Live it Out: In what area of your life do you need the guidance of the Holy Spirit? What is one way you can grow in your relationship with the LORD so you can be more sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your daily life?