

AT THE THRESHOLD

"Help is On the Way" John 16
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Who is the Holy Spirit?

- (paracletos) παρακλητος: *the one called to come alongside of*
- The third person of the Trinity (Matthew 28:19)
 - all - knowing Corinthians 2:11)
 - all -powerful (Luke 1:35; Romans 15:19)
 - present everywhere (Psalms 139:7)
 - given to us by God (Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20)
 - personal (Acts 5:3-4; Ephesians 4:30)

What are some of the ways the Holy Spirit works in our lives?

- He brings conviction to reveal our need for Jesus (vs. 8-11)
 - We're all guilty of sin
 - We need the righteousness of Christ
 - God's judgment is coming

- He brings God's purposeful guidance to our lives (vs. 12-13)
- He creates a desire in us to see Jesus receive glory (vs. 14-15)

How can we experience the flow of God's Spirit in our lives? (John 7:38-39)

- Ask for a fresh work from the Holy Spirit on a daily basis (vs. 20-22; 32-33)
- Take action that forces dependency on the Holy Spirit's power

Next Steps

- I will ask the Holy Spirit to do a fresh work in my life every day this week.
- I will take one action step that forces me to depend on the power of the Holy Spirit this week.
- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.



Lesson Aim: To grow in awareness of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

Ice-breaker: Who was your best friend when you were a kid?

Open in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time together.

1. **Read John 14:26; 15:26-27 & 16:5-7.** When you think about who the Holy Spirit is, what are the first thoughts of description that come to your mind?
2. **Read John 16:8-11.** The Holy Spirit brings conviction to reveal our need for Jesus. What is something in your life that you felt conviction about from the Holy Spirit? How did you respond?
3. **Read John 16:12-13.** When is a time, or a circumstance, that you have felt the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life? How did you know that it was the Holy Spirit guiding you?
4. **Read Acts 1:8.** The Holy Spirit gives us power to witness to others. What do you think holds people back from using this power? How can you better depend on this power from the Holy Spirit?
5. Pastor Josh taught us that the Holy Spirit creates a desire in us to see Jesus receive glory (see **John 16:14**). What are some ways we bring glory to Jesus? What is an area in your life that you can work on to bring more glory to Jesus?

6. **Read Romans 8:26-27.** Why do you think that the Holy Spirit needs to intercede for us?

7. **Read Romans 8:15-17 & Galatians 4:6-7.** What stands out to you about the work of the Holy Spirit that is discussed in these verses? Why?

8. The Holy Spirit is here to help, guide, and lead us in life. What is a daily action that you can take to create dependency on the Holy Spirit's power?

Daily Devotional Plan – Scriptures to help remind us that we are designed to bear fruit.

Day 1 – 1 Corinthians 2:9-11

Day 2 – Acts 20:28

Day 3 – John 14:26

Day 4 – Romans 8:9

Day 5 – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Day 6 – Philippians 1:19

Day 7 – Galatians 5:22

To go deeper: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper/journal/laptop/etc.:

- What did you hear? (What did God say to you as you read the Scriptures for the day?)
- What do you think? (What does it mean to you, how does it apply to your life, and what difference will it make to you?)
- What will you do? (What action step will you take? How will you think differently? How will you live differently?)
- Now talk to God (Put your thoughts into prayer. It could be a prayer of gratitude or praise. It could be a prayer of confession or a request for God's help. It's up to you. But take a minute each day to write a prayer response to what you read in the Scriptures.)

