

Life Group Discussion Guide
I have Jesus . . . Why Do I Need the Holy Spirit?
March 19, 2017

Open in prayer

- What's the worst gift you ever received?
- What was the best gift you ever received?
- Do you believe God is a gift giver? Why?
- What was the last gift (besides life) you received from the Lord that surprised or blessed you?
- Has God ever given you something you thought you didn't want but later realized you needed it?
- Has God ever not given you what you wanted and later you realized or understood why?
- The Holy Spirit is referred to in the Bible as a gift. What are some of the ways having the Holy Spirit helps us in our lives?

The Big Idea: In John 16:7 Jesus tells his followers it is necessary that he go away, in order to send them the Holy Spirit. Everything they would need to carry out the mission of Jesus would be provided. Today the Holy Spirit is just as alive, active, and accessible to us as we seek to fulfill God's purpose for our lives.

John 16:7 Jesus says to his followers – “It into your advantage that I go away...”

- How was it an advantage to the disciples that Jesus go away?
- What does it mean to live in the power of the Holy Spirit?
- How might the American/global Church look different if there were more of the Holy Spirit's power?
- Where can you identify evidence of the power of God in your life today? This week?

- **The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin.**
 - “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8 NKJV)
 - John 3:17 – “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

- **The Holy Spirit brings us freedom.**
 - “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV)
 - Romans 8:13 – “For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.”

- **The Holy Spirit teaches us what we need to know and reminds us of what we need to remember.**

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- “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:26 NIV)
- “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.” (John 16:13)
- **The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness for Jesus.**
 - “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NIV)
- How does the Holy Spirit impact our interests?
- What are some of the reasons we might live disconnected from the Holy Spirit’s power?
- What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in your life? How do you think our expectations of the Holy Spirit limit or increase his movement influence? (Personal comfort v. ministry to others)
- Where do you want to see more of the Holy Spirit’s influence in your life?