

PRESENCE

GET TALKING

Share a time in your life where you were in desperate need of direction and you wished God could just tell you what to do.

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Observations:

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| 1. The Holy Spirit is part of the trinity | 5. There is a lot of "family" language around the Spirit |
| 2. He comes alongside | 6. God chooses to live in us through the Spirit |
| 3. He can't be taken away (forever) | 7. The Spirit teaches and reminds |
| 4. The world can miss out on Him | 8. The Spirit brings peace into our lives |

How can we live in the Spirit?

- Know the Holy Spirit personally
- Live from your relationship with the Spirit

DIG IN

- Share with your group what past experience or knowledge you have had about the Holy Spirit. What is unclear or confusing about the Holy Spirit for you? Does talking about the Holy Spirit make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?

Read John 14:15-20

- Jesus tells us what He wants us to know about the Holy Spirit. Read John 14:15-20 out loud. What do you notice in these verses? What words stand out to you? What is the overall picture of the Holy Spirit that Jesus is trying to paint?
- Jesus states "You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." This is a mysterious part of the Holy Spirit. What does it look like to know the Holy Spirit? How is that different from knowing God the Father, or Jesus?
- Now read John 14:22-29. How does Jesus answer Judas' question? Notice the use of "we" and "our" in verse 23. Does Jesus' response make it clearer or more confusing for you? How does this mystery of the trinity affect your faith? Has the mystery of it ever been a stumbling block for you?
- Share a time when the Holy Spirit has taught you something, reminded you of something, or brought peace into your life recently.
- It is often easy for us to think of having a personal relationship with the God the Father or Jesus because we get to know them through the written word. But, sometimes when it comes to the Holy Spirit it can be hard for us grasp. What do you think it looks like to know the Holy Spirit personally and to live from your relationship with the Spirit?

BIG IDEA: Experience the presence and direction of God by relating rightly with the Holy Spirit

NEXT STEPS

There are so many different views the church has on the Holy Spirit. Whatever our view is, Jesus wants us to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. How would the way you think about or approach the Holy Spirit have to shift to align with embracing a relationship with the Holy Spirit? Spend some time this week asking Him to reveal this to you.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, come! As you live within us, reveal yourself to us as we seek to move toward your wisdom and guidance in everything we do.