

The Presence

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another <u>Counselor</u> to be with you forever- the <u>Spirit of truth</u>. The world cannot accept him, because it neither <u>sees him</u> nor <u>knows him</u>. But you know him, for he <u>lives with you</u> and will be <u>in you</u>. -- John 14:16-17

TALKING IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

• What was your understanding of the Holy Spirit before this week's message?

Read John 14:16-17 and John 16:7. These verses describe why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be among us and to interact in our lives. The Holy Spirit is not a thing or an "it." The Holy Spirit is a part of the person of God.

- Why is having the Holy Spirit being active in our lives such an important part of our walk with Christ?
- How is the Holy Spirit being in us better than having Jesus on earth with us?

Read Acts 19:1-2 and Acts 7:51. These verses show that many of us are living a Spirit-less life by either not being aware of the Holy Spirit or resisting the Holy Spirit.

In what ways are you currently living a Spirit-less life?

Read John 16:12-13, Isaiah 30:31, and John 16:8-9. These verses show how the Holy Spirit is the voice of God we need to guide us.

- When you think *back*, can you see a time when the Holy Spirit was leading you? Did He comfort, counsel, or convict you?
- Describe how you need His presence in your life. What steps are you willing to take to live a Spirit-filled life?

PRAYER

Spend time in prayer this week seeking a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Pray and allow the Holy Spirit to counsel and comfort you with any struggles you may be facing, as well as convict you of your sins. Use the following prayer guide to guide your time with God this week to expand your conversations:

Read John 14:16-17. Thank God in prayer for the Holy Spirit. Seek to develop a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit by spending more time listening for His voice.

Read Acts 19:1-2 and 7:51. Pray and ask God to help you become more aware of the Holy Spirit in your life and to not resist His direction.

Read John 14:15-17. Commit to obey when the Holy Spirit leads you. Pray that God will help you be more responsive to His voice. Read John 16:13. Pray about any situations that you need guidance from God. Ask for the Holy Spirit's counsel.

Read John 16:7-8. Confess in prayer any sin that is in your life. Let the Holy Spirit convict you and change you from the inside out.

Processing Kairos:

Our three key questions to ask from this week's message:

- 1. What is God saying to you?
- 2. What are you going to do about it?
- 3. Who are you going to tell?

