

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?



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(Part 1 of 6 part series, "The Holy Spirit")

INTRODUCTION

In this study we will dive into an introduction of Who the Holy Spirit is. What his role is in our lives and what scripture teaches us about him. You may be wondering whether he should have a role in your life. In this series we are going to explore the Holy Spirit and see how important the Person of the Holy Spirit is to each one of us. There is a short video created by the Bible Project that gives a good overview of the Holy Spirit - you can watch it together as a group (<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/holy-spirit/>)

KEY SCRIPTURES

John 14:16-17

"I will ask the Father , and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor- Counselor, Strengthener, Standby) , to be you forever-."

John 14:26

"But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you."

DISCOVERY

In the Scriptures we are given great clarity on who the Holy Spirit is and how we can rely on Him. We are going to dive into these two scriptures and understand them better. In the Gospel of John the account of Jesus reassuring us that we are to Believe in Him like we do God and that he will be leaving us - but the reassurance of the Helper coming when Jesus does ascend to the Fathers right hand. Here he explains who the Holy Spirit will be to those who follow him and this serves as reassurance and teaching for us all.

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DISCUSSION

Starting questions: *how does this study connect to real life?*

Can you remember a time when you have had to rely on an expert for insight or help? (doctor, lawyer, professor)

Did you use their advice/help? How did the situation turn out?

What have you understood about the Holy Spirit in your life?

How have you relied on the Holy Spirit in your life? You can share an example

Exploring questions: *(What is a big picture of the passage?)*

Jesus in John 14 is reassuring his disciples that even though he won't be there - in the flesh , the Helper will come and he will bring teaching, guidance , comfort. He is reassuring his disciples that they will not be on their own. To know that the Holy Spirit is Jesus and not just a force - let's establish what scripture says about him.

The Holy Spirit is one of the Trinity not secondary

Acts 10:38 *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

The Holy Spirit's function is to manifest/ create and execute:

Luke 11:20 *But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

It is through the Holy Spirit that we are transformed:

Romans 8:26 *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

From the above scriptures and truth about who the Holy Spirit is, what stood out for you?

If we look at the Holy Spirit's Function to Manifest (create and execute) , how does this change your perspective/ relationship with Him?

How have you seen transformation in your life? Was there a common thread/ pattern?

Action Questions: *(How can we lead them to a heart response to Christ?)*

What aspect of the Holy Spirit do you need to access more?

What characteristics of the Holy Spirit do you need a deeper understanding and revelation of?

DEVOTION: *(give people next steps for both reflection and prayer at the end of the group.)*

From this discussion and study is there anything we can all pray about together? What area is the Holy Spirit highlighting to you that you need help with?