



COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Grow: John 13 - 17, Part 3

INTRODUCTION

The Big Idea: The Holy Spirit brings us peace with God and purpose for our lives.

As we continue in John 14:12-31, we learn about the “helper” Jesus will give to his disciples when He ascends to be with the Father. In this remarkable section, Jesus tells his disciples he will send the Holy Spirit to bring peace, guidance, and purpose into their lives. Jesus even proclaims that is better for his disciples to receive the Holy Spirit, than for Him to remain with them on earth. But what does the Holy Spirit do? Many of us know God provided Christ to be a living sacrifice for all people. He also provides the Holy Spirit to guide the believer to know His own heart and will.

As a church, we will look at Jesus’ instruction on the Holy Spirit and encourage one another to walk faithfully in the peace and purpose provided by the Spirit.

BIBLE STUDY

Scripture: Read John 14:12-31

Getting Started

1. Did you grow up with any kind of understanding of the “Holy Spirit?” What do you think of when you hear that term?

2. Did anything stand out to you from the sermon that helps you understand the role of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Investigation

3. According to this passage, what is the Holy Spirit?

4. Jesus repeats the phrase “if you love me you will keep my commands.” What is the difference between love-motivated obedience and fear-motivated obedience?

5. How is our obedience to Jesus’ commands tied to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

6. How, through the Holy Spirit, are we capable of doing “greater works” than even Christ?

7. “Being led by the Spirit” can seem mystical to many. How can you know if you are actually following the Spirit in any given decision or interaction?

8. What ways have you experienced the Spirit-led life?

9. How do Jesus’ words, about the Holy Spirit, comfort us as believers?

10. According to vs. 28, the disciples struggled to fully understand Jesus’ teaching about the future and the Holy Spirit. How does their struggle encourage us?

Application

11. How can you become more familiar with the Holy Spirit?
12. Spend some time this week with a trusted believer. Ask them about the Spirit's role in their walk. Share with them some ways the Spirit is leading you.

PRAYER

Prayer is an essential component of your life as a follower of Christ, and an integral part of any healthy church body. Divide up into groups of 2-3 people and use the following points to guide you through a time of prayer together.

Colossians 1:9-14: "And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 1:9-14 reminds us of all God has given us in his Son, our perfect sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit to bring us to Himself. Use these verses to guide in your prayer time.

Prayer Points:

1. Thank God for providing and qualifying us to be a part of his inheritance
2. Pray for Spirit-led interactions with others in evangelism and service
3. Pray for a Spirit filled Gospel awakening in Charlotte