

MESSAGE #3

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the Holy Spirit before tonight's message?
What are things that confuse you?
2. How did Jesus say the Holy Spirit was going to work?
3. Why do we need the Holy Spirit?
4. Do you feel the presence of God's spirit in your life?

MESSAGE #3 DEVO

MEMORY VERSES:

JOHN 14:16-17

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

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Read John 14:16-17.

Who is the "Helper" that Jesus is talking about?

Read John 16:5-15. Jesus says to His disciples in verse 7 that it is better for them if He goes away?

What do you think of that statement? Do you agree with it, why or why not?

After Jesus rose from the dead, He spent 40 days on the earth then ascended into heaven, when He left earth He sent His followers a precious gift: His Spirit. If you are a Christian, you have the Holy Spirit living inside of you. There is no such thing as a Christian that does not have the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:9 says "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him." While Jesus lived on earth, He was physically with His followers, but now Christians have God's Spirit living within them.

There is often a confusion on what the Holy Spirit is and how He works. As you surrender your life to Christ and put your trust in Him, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you to guide you into all truth as John 16:13 points out. This is why Jesus calls the Holy Spirit a helper.

Read John 14:26.

What does the Holy Spirit remind us of?

Jesus says that the Spirit reminds us of the truth Jesus has already said. What that means is that God's Spirit isn't revealing to us new things outside of the Bible, but to teach us all that Jesus has already said. God's Spirit also helps us to understand God's Word. (1 Corinthians 2:14). The Bible is not just a textbook that we can study in order to intellectually "know" God. Our understanding of the Bible comes through God's Spirit giving us clarity as we ask Him in prayer to help us understand (Psalm 119:118).

How do you see the Holy Spirit helping you live the Christian life?

Do you think He plays a necessary role of living for God? What are some specific ways that He helps you?

How can you become more open to or aware of the Holy Spirit's teaching and guiding in your life?