

# Teaching Notes

Series: Forgotten God  
Week 1

## How *different* am I since surrendering my life to God?

### John 14:15-17 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, obey my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

### John 16:5-7 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> “But now I am going away to the One who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. <sup>6</sup> Instead, you grieve because of what I’ve told you. <sup>7</sup> But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

### Acts 1:4-5 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. <sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

**Acts 2:36-39 (NLT)** <sup>36</sup> “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” <sup>37</sup> Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins, turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to show that you have received forgiveness for your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.<sup>39</sup> This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

**If we are not \_\_\_\_\_ from our non-Christian neighbors, shouldn’t we wonder what is wrong??!!**

**2 Cor 5:17-18 (NLT)** <sup>17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! <sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

**The Holy Spirit is a gift *eagerly given* to us by God when we join the family.**

### Next Steps:

- Get a workbook (and book)
- commit to attending the workshop next Sunday at 9:45am.
- genuinely talk with God about letting Him be more visible in your daily life.