

Sermon Title: Who is the Holy Spirit?

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Holy Spirit

John 14:15-17 *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

The active work of the Holy Spirit should be the normal experience for every believer in Jesus

The Holy Spirit is God

Almighty God reveals himself as one being, eternally existent in _____. The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there is one God. This is an unfathomable mystery.

The Holy Spirit Reveals _____

One of the essential functions of the Holy Spirit is to reveal Jesus to us. Any truth we come to know about Jesus Christ, we come to know only through the active revelation of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a very present Helper

The Holy Spirit is a very present help to the believer in Christ. The words that the scripture uses to describe the work of the Spirit are _____ words. This is not a life-force or metaphysical entity. This is a person who interacts with us.

When we have an experience with the Holy Spirit, God wants to use that as an _____ into a _____ of walking with the Holy Spirit.

- 1) Expect the Holy Spirit to expand your vision and give you boldness to enter new places (Acts 2:16; 2:32-33)
- 2) Expect the Holy Spirit to make you a natural _____ for Christ (Acts 2:37-41)
- 3) Expect the Holy Spirit to join you deeper in _____ with other believers (Acts 2:1; 4:32)
- 4) Expect the Holy Spirit to deepen your hunger for the Word of God (Acts 2:14; 2:42)
- 5) Expect the Holy Spirit to draw you deeper in fellowship with God and with others through _____ (Acts 2:42; 4:24-31)
- 6) Expect the Holy Spirit to burn out _____ in your life (Acts 4:21; 5:1-11)
- 7) Expect the Holy Spirit to begin to use you in your unique giftings (Acts 4:36:6:1-7)

Questions for discussion in House Churches, family devotions and discipleship groups:

- 1) Do you have a memory of a particular event when you felt the Holy Spirit working *in* your life?
- 2) When have you felt the Holy Spirit working *through* you in ministry to others?
- 3) Have you viewed your experiences with the Holy Spirit as "events" more than "lifestyle"?
- 4) How can you be more aware of the presence and work of the Spirit in your daily life?

Fill-ins: three persons, Jesus, personal, initiation, lifestyle, witness, fellowship, prayer, impurities