

## Exploring the Holy Spirit

### Session 2

April 2, 2017

- 1) Last week we spoke of the Trinity.  
Which member of the Trinity are you most familiar with?

Remember the characteristics that describe the Father also are true of the Holy Spirit. While the 3 parts of the Trinity are distinct personality, God is unified in purpose. He never contradicts Himself.

Fill in the blanks with 5 characteristic of each.

God, the Father is \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

The Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_

Do you find yourself using the same terminology for the Holy Spirit as the other? If not, why not? Now try filling in the Holy Spirit blank with the characteristics of the Father and Son

How does that change your understanding of the Holy Spirit?

How does it help you to know that God wants to be present with you?

## 2) Who is the Holy Spirit?

Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ on the Holy Spirit

Taught by

Empowered by at the Jordan River

Only did miracles after being empowered

Led by the Spirit

Only spoke what He heard the Spirit speaking

**Look at John 14:10** On whose authority does Jesus speak? Look carefully

**Look at John 5: 19** "The Son can do nothing by Himself"

**Look at John 14: 15 – 18**

What is the stipulation to being filled with the Spirit ( look up Acts 5:32)?

God gives the Holy Spirit to those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him

Converse then true: God does \_\_\_\_\_ give the Spirit to those who do \_\_\_\_\_ obey

**Notice in John 14:16 "another helper"**

**Word Study:** 2 words for "another"

Heteros: another of a different kind

Allos: another of the same kind

Example: a piece of fruit- specifically an apple

Heteros: could be an orange (another piece of fruit of a different kind)

Allos: Gala, Macintosh, Grannie Smith (another of the same kind- apple)

Allos is the word used in John. What does that tell us about the Helper in John?

## **Word Study for "Helper: vs 16**

"Parakletos" : "para": very close + "kaleo": to beckon or call includes destiny and action (often used when referred to someone's calling)

"The Holy Spirit is permanently called closely alongside each of us to provide coaching, direction, instruction, and counsel in our life journey.

Jesus is saying the Holy Spirit will be a continuation of His exact work and mission in our lives

### **3) Read John 16: 7 – 15**

Together in your groups, list the actions of the Holy Spirit as our Helper:

Why do you think it is better that Jesus goes, so the Holy Spirit can come?

4) Sponge Analogy:

5) Last Week your homework was to find other names used for the Holy Spirit. If you have some, share at your table what you found or look at the attached list. Which couple of names mean a lot to you and why? Explain at your table.

## **Names for the Holy Spirit**

Holy Spirit (96 times)

Spirit of the Lord (28 times)

Spirit of God (26 times)

Eternal Spirit (Hebrews 9:14)

Helper (4 times in John's gospel)

Comforter (used throughout the Amplified Bible)

Holy One (Psalm 78:14)

The Lord (2 Co 3:17)

Spirit of Truth (4 times)

Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9, 1 Peter 1:11)

Spirit of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:19)

Spirit of Counsel (Is 11:2)

Spirit of Knowledge (Is 11:2)

Spirit of Might (Is 11:2)

Spirit of Understanding (Is 11:2)

Spirit of Wisdom (Is 11:2)

Spirit of the Fear of the Lord (Is 11:2)

Spirit of your Father ( Matt 10:20)

Spirit of Glory ( 1 Peter 4:14)

Spirit of Grace ( Zech 12:10; Heb 10:29)

Spirit of Judgment (Is 4:4)

Spirit of Burning (Is 4:4)

Spirit of Life ( Rom 8:2)

Spirit of Love (2 Tim 1:7)

Spirit of Power (2 Tim 1:7)

Spirit of a Sound Mind

( 2 Tim 1:7)

Spirit of Prophecy

(Rev 19:10)

Spirit of Revelation

(Eph 1:17)

Spirit of Holiness

( Rom 1:4)

Spirit of the Holy God

(4 times in Daniel)

