

THE SPIRIT'S ROLE

9/12 in the series Just Between Us
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Use the following growth group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. Can you share one of the toughest goodbyes you've experienced?
2. What got your attention or surprised you in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT:

3. Jesus said it was for their good that He was going away. In what ways was it better for the disciples to have the Holy Spirit than to have Jesus in the flesh? How is it better for us?
4. How can we be more aware and remind ourselves of God's presence every day?
5. Among other things, Jesus declares that the Holy Spirit is 'the Helper' (ESV) or 'the Advocate' (NIV) in *John 16:7*. What are some ways that the Holy Spirit helps believers?
6. How do Christians get out of line with the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives? How do we re-align our lives with the Holy Spirit?
7. How does the Holy Spirit enable us to understand the Bible and then apply it to our lives?
8. According to *John 16:14*, in which ways does the Holy Spirit glorify Jesus? What are the ways that the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus in us?

WORK IT OUT:

9. Think of one thing that God is personally speaking to you about through the Holy Spirit. What is your next step?
10. How can your growth group pray for you this week?

It's Jesus' final evening with his disciples. Empty dishes are on the table, feet have been washed, and one of them has gone. Two things keep recurring in Jesus' conversation. He's leaving, and the Holy Spirit is coming to replace him. We often wish Jesus could be physically present with us today. We envy the disciples who traveled, talked, laughed and lived with Him. But Jesus tells his disciples it's a good thing he's leaving. Let's find out why.

1. **The Holy Spirit will reside in you** - (*John 16:4-7; 14:16-18*). He won't just be with you. He'll be IN you.
2. **The Holy Spirit will convict the world** - (*John 16:7-11*). It's the Holy Spirit's job to convict, and our job to witness.
3. **The Holy Spirit will guide us** - (*John 16:12-15*). Not only do we have a map and compass; we have a personal guide!

Application

Will you depend on the Spirit's presence, witness and guidance in your life?

NEXT WEEK • REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE