

THE RELEVANCY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Week 13/14. December 6, 2015.

Included in the farewell address of Jesus to his disciples, Jesus speaks on the topic of the Holy Spirit. It is great enough knowing that Jesus did not leave them (or us) without the indwelling of the Holy spirit, but he also made known the relevancy of the Holy Spirit. In today's conversation with Jesus we learn a few specifics on what the Holy Spirit can do for us. To understand the relevancy of the Holy spirit will surely motivate us all to walk closer to the Lord.

1. Challenging times are the best backdrop to understand the Spirit's work. (John 16:5-7). *The Holy Spirit shines in the context of trouble.*

2. The Holy Spirit is busy in the world today (John 16:7-11). *I have great news, we can allow the Holy spirit to do the work of convicting hearts.*

3. The Holy Spirit is busy in the life of the believer (John 16:12-16). *The Holy Spirit's work is to open our eyes and enlarge our ability to see.*

Application

Would you say that you are walking in the Spirit these days?

Next Week: 14/14: **Conversations with Jesus: Victorious.** John 16:16-33.

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Use the following growth group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his word and others.

Growth group leaders: It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select or ask questions you like or best fit your growth group.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. In John 16, Jesus knows that He will die in less than 24 hours. What would you want to tell your family or closest friends if you knew that you had only a short time to live?
2. What got your attention or made you think or was a new idea in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT: (John 16:5-16)

3. Jesus said (vs.7) that it was for the disciples' good that He go away and that the Holy Spirit come. In what way is it better to have the Holy Spirit actively present now than to have Jesus here on earth?
4. Consider the context of trouble around the world or in your own life, how do you think the Holy Spirit shines?
5. Of the various roles of the Holy Spirit described here, which one has benefited you lately? Why?
6. How have you experienced this work of the Spirit—leading you into a closer walk with Jesus? How has He brought about change in you?

WORK IT OUT:

7. Where today do you specifically need the comfort, assurance, guidance or power of the Holy Spirit?
8. What changes, steps, or action do sense you need in order for the Holy Spirit to work more fully in your life?