

**“COME HOLY SPIRIT”**

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help lead your group through a progression of engagement with the Bible passage(s) and the speaker's message. They can help you understand and apply the teaching.

BIBLICAL TEXT(S) + MESSAGE SUMMARY:**JOHN 14:16-21**

This message unpacks an unusually intimate conversation, where Jesus offers his closest followers a high definition look at the coming Holy Spirit and his work. John captured the conversation that took place on the night of Jesus' arrest, his trial, and coming execution. He did so in order to introduce us to the Person of the Spirit. We are sometimes tempted to think of the Spirit as an "it." Yet, Jesus speaks of him as another divine *Person*, one who can love, help, counsel, and be with you! Even better, he will be *in* you, the very breath of God as close to you as your own.

LEAN IN: *These are icebreakers and warm ups, mostly to get the group talking and start the flow of conversation. Choose one and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. What is the best dinner conversation you ever had?
2. Describe a time when you had a great time with friends.
3. How did you meet your best friend?
4. How as your best friend helped you in the past?
5. When was the last time you had to say goodbye to someone? What was that like? How did you feel?

LOOK DOWN: *These are questions about the Bible passage(s) and observations about what's been read. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. What does Jesus promise his disciples in John 14?
2. How does Jesus describe the Spirit?
3. Where does Jesus say the Spirit will live and with who?
4. What is it about the relationship between Jesus and his disciples that will motivate them to keep the Lord's commands? Why is this important?
5. According to Jesus, what will the Holy Spirit do?

LOOK OUT: *These questions help connect the world of the Bible to today. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. Where do you see people yearning for an encounter with God, something or someone transcendent, if you see that at all?
2. How are most people motivated? What "fills" them, propelling them towards goals, etc.,?
3. Where do you see a need for God's Spirit in the world you observe?
4. What do you think most people outside of the Church think of when they hear the words, "Holy Spirit?"
5. What are some of the odd things you've heard about the Spirit, even in a church?

LOOK IN: *These are questions that help you consider how to engage the teaching personally. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. Describe a time in the past when you could have really used a "Helper" like Jesus describes.
2. With what description(s) of the Spirit (wind, fire, dove, helper, friend, counselor, etc.) do you most identify and why?
3. Where do you need God's Spirit to show up now, today?

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4. Have you treated the Spirit more like an “it” than a “who” in the past, and if so, why?
5. Pastor Brad talked about “knobs” and “levers” that we’re sometimes told we need to “turn” or “move” to access the Spirit. He described all of that as unnecessary. How do you relate to that part of the message? Have you felt manipulated in the past to manufacture an “experience?” On the other hand, if you’ve had genuine, powerful experiences with the Spirit, how did that come about in your life?

LIVE IT OUT: *These action steps help apply this week’s message to day to day life. Choose one prompts and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. If you long for the personal, powerful, animating Presence of God in your life, tell him that and ask him to fill you with his Spirit. Like Pastor Brad did, simply say, “Come Holy Spirit.” And say is daily if necessary.
2. Write a letter to God in your journal expressing your thanks for the gift of the Spirit given to you.