

EMPOWERED BY

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ice Breaker: If you knew this was your last week, what would you do? Whom would you be with? What would you say?

Read: John 15:18-27, 16:1-15, 16:33, 17:1-5; John 14

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - Can you think of something you owned or used for a long time before realizing it could do more than you thought?
 - How would you describe your current understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in your day-to-day life?
 - What might be the danger of believing the Holy Spirit lives in us but not depending on Him?
 - Big Question: Why Is the Holy Spirit Important for the Christian?
- The Holy Spirit Provides an Experience of God (John 15:26-27, 16:1-7)
 - Jesus says it is better for Him to leave so the Holy Spirit can come. Why might that have been hard for the disciples to accept?
 - What stands out to you about Jesus calling the Holy Spirit an Advocate and Counselor?
 - How does the Holy Spirit help us experience God, and not just have a head knowledge about Him?
 - Who do you personally know whose life has clearly been transformed by God? What specifically changed?
 - Where do you see opportunities in your life to help others experience God, not just hear about Him?
- The Holy Spirit Reveals Sin and Our True Enemy (John 16:8-11; John 15:18-25)
 - Why does Jesus say the world hates Him and those who follow Him?
 - How is conviction different from shame or condemnation?
 - Why do you think people often resist conviction, even when it's meant for their good?
 - According to Jesus, what is the real root of sin?
 - How has the Holy Spirit revealed something in your life that you didn't initially want to see, but later thanked God for?
- The Holy Spirit Glorifies Christ (John 16:12-15, 17:1-5)
 - How can we tell when something is truly Spirit-led versus self-led?
 - What does it mean that the Holy Spirit guides us into truth rather than giving us everything all at once?
 - In what ways does our daily life either glorify Christ or quietly glorify ourselves?
- Closing Thoughts: The Holy Spirit gives Peace in the Midst of Chaos (John 16:33)
 - How have you seen the Holy Spirit bring peace during a chaotic season?
 - What does it practically look like to "take heart" when life feels overwhelming?
 - Where do you sense God calling you to depend more on the Spirit's power rather than your own ability this week?

