

Lesson for Week of January 13: The Holy Spirit

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:24

Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Discovery Bible Study Exercise:

In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out John 16:7-8
- Step #2: Re-write John 16:7-8 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out what you discover about the Holy Spirit from this scripture teaching of Jesus.

Daily Meditation Readings:

Day 1 – John 16:1-16

Day 2 – John 16:17-33

Day 3 – John 17:1-19

Day 4 – John 17:20-26

Day 5 – Acts 1:4-9 & Acts 2 (The Power of the Holy Spirit)

Lesson: Read John 16:5-15

1. In verse 7 why do you think Jesus said, “It is for your good that I am going away”?

I believe Jesus was referring to the work of the Holy Spirit at bringing more believers into His kingdom by empowering His followers into obedience to the truth. It is only by the ever present power of the Holy Spirit that we are obedient to God and do His will.

2. I believe verse 12 is significant in understanding the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Jesus says, “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear” (meaning to carry or handle). What is your interpretation of Jesus words and what does that tell you about the role of the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit carries us along as we are able to receive truth. Although we are never completely “mature” in Christ, we do mature as the Holy Spirit leads us and guides our lives. As we are able to accept truth and obey it we can bear (carry or handle) more and more of His active word in our lives.

3. Based upon Jesus’ words in verse 14, what is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Once again, we learn that the role of the Holy Spirit is to reveal and bring glory to Jesus Christ.

4. As time allows, read and meditate on the first couple chapters in Acts about the power of the Holy Spirit moving in the life of the early church. How closely can you relate in your current experience of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in your own life and in the life of the church?

I am blessed to see how Holy Spirit moves in the life of His church to minister to one another and to proclaim the truth to the world as He did in the first chapters of Acts. Yet, in all honesty, I long to see the church be open to the moving of the Holy Spirit in such a way that Acts 2:42-47 is experienced to its fullest still today. The Holy Spirit is still moving and is as powerful today as He was 2000 years ago and it is God’s will! The question is do I choose obedience to God’s will or to my own? I am left to respond as the father of the boy responded to Jesus in Mark 9:24, “I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!” The Holy Spirit can help with that request!