



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: The Holy Spirit is a person to know not a force to capture.

HEAD CHANGE: God works through the Spirit to carry on the ministry of Jesus.

HEART CHANGE: The Holy Spirit makes the impractical parts of the scripture, practicable.

LIFE CHANGE: Become more attuned to the Spirit's leading in our lives.

OVERVIEW

A Person to Know, not a Force to Capture

We begin our knowing of the Holy Spirit by first understanding the teaching of the Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We need to understand that they are not three gods; rather they are one God, but who are all individually distinct. It is not like there is one person who sometimes has his Father hat on, sometimes his Son hat, and sometimes his Holy Spirit hat. There is not one God and one person, nor are three gods and three persons. There is simply one God within three persons, and they know each other. In one sense, Jesus can leave, and the Holy Spirit can come. But in another sense, since they are so one, when you get the one you get them all. And when Jesus left, the Holy Spirit came so that we may continue the ministry (service) of Jesus today.

"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

-John 16:7 (NIV)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching and why?
2. How have you thought about the Holy Spirit? More like a force, or a person to know? Why do you think that is?
3. What are some of the fears that people face? How about your fears? Do you have any fears regarding the Holy Spirit, such as, "What if God doesn't show up?"
4. What if God does show up and then asks you to go somewhere or do something that is uncomfortable? Does He ask us to do uncomfortable things? Do you obey or not?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, thank You for the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, I want to know you better. Help me to become more sensitive to your leadership and more aware of your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!