

Help: My Comforter

Series: The Holy Spirit: Helper. Comforter. Intercessor. Judge

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Scripture: John 14:16-18

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Group Session

Opening Questions

Let's share everything we know and believe about the Holy Spirit.

Discussing the Scripture & Life

1. Does any part of the Holy Spirit sound scary to you? Why or why not?
2. Read the passage above. What do we learn from the Holy Spirit based on this one verse?
 - a. From the Father
 - b. Counselor
 - c. Forever
 - d. Spirit of Truth
 - e. World doesn't know
 - f. Lives with and in you
3. Sometimes people refer to the Holy Spirit as an "it". Because the Holy Spirit is a person, we should not refer to Him as an "it". What exactly is the Holy Spirit's relationship to God? (The Holy Spirit is God. Discuss the Trinity.)
4. In the times we need comfort the most, we turn to whatever or whoever we worship. Is this true or false? Why?
5. We know that one function of the Holy Spirit is to draw us to God. Have you had any experiences with this?
6. John 16:13 says that the Spirit will guide us in all truth. How can we partner with the Holy Spirit to discover truth?
7. The Holy Spirit does not shield us from pain, but comforts us in the midst of it. Don't we wish we were protected from pain? Why do you think the Holy Spirit doesn't protect us from pain? How does the Holy Spirit comfort us? Do you have any experiences to share?

Closing Challenge

Knowing what we have discussed today, what can we do to make the Holy Spirit a bigger part of our lives?