

Help: My Teacher & Guide

Series: Help. (The Holy Spirit: Helper. Comforter. Intercessor. Judge)

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Scripture: John 14:26-27, John 16:13-14

John 14:26-27 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:13-14 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

Group Session

Opening Questions

Have you ever been aware of the Holy Spirit's teaching in your life? Share the experience.

Discussing the Scripture & Life

1. Read John 14:26. What does it mean to "bring to your remembrance? How can we implant God's truth in our hearts and minds to be used by the Holy Spirit later?

What are your feelings about memorizing scripture? Would it be beneficial? What keeps us from doing more of that?

Choose a verse from your Bible reading this week and begin learning. Make a list and review verses you already know.

2. Do you believe that the Holy Spirit guides us in truth about God or does that truth include guidance for our lives as well?

3. Read John 16:13-14. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit speaks what He hears?

4. Do we have difficulty admitting our need for the Holy Spirit? Do you think it is more difficult for Americans than for others to admit being in need? Why is that?

5. Read 1 Cor. 2:11-13. If only the Holy Spirit knows the thoughts of God, how important is our relationship with the Spirit. How do we build and nourish a relationship with the Spirit of God?

6. How is Christianity dependent on the Spirit of God? What are some things that would be different?

7. What are some ways the Holy Spirit is abused in the name of religion? Does this cause us to shy away from God's real intention for the function of the Holy Spirit?

Closing Challenge

How are you going to call upon the Holy Spirit's help this week? Share your thoughts.

Which of these is needed most this week?

- a. to reveal truth,
- b. to help in a decision, or
- c. to empower my service?