

Group Questions – *Holy Spirit*

05/19/24 – Pastor Kirby

Getting to Know Me Questions:

- What was the most challenging class you took in High School? Why?
- If you could sit down for a drink with Jesus and you were given the complete and full answer to one question, what would you ask Him?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- What is your understanding of the role, character and purpose of the Holy Spirit?
- Pastor Kirby shared 2 analogies for the Holy Spirit – Egg and water – Are there any other analogies you know of?
- How would you describe the Holy Spirit to a kindergartener?
- **READ:** John 16:7
- What's your reaction to when Jesus says it is good for us that He leaves? Why?
- **READ:** John 14:15-18
- The Holy Spirit is described as our "Advocate". What does this mean to you regarding how he interacts in your life?
- Pastor Kirby said the Holy Spirit is similar to that of a "Therapist" and a "Lawyer in our lives. Have you ever thought about these ideas? Does one connect with you more than the other? Why?
- How do you describe the difference between "conviction" and "guilt"?
- **READ:** Romans 8:26
- What do you make of the idea that Holy Spirit prays for us?
- Question: Should we pray directly to the Holy Spirit? Why or why not? If so, do you or have you ever done that?
- How do YOU discern the Holy Spirit's voice/movement in your life vs too many tacos?
- What is your belief/experience/understanding the supernatural powers of God in your life, Christianity and this world?

Application Questions:

- Which characteristic of the (Advocate) Holy Spirit, do you need in your life right now? Convict, Guide or Pray? Share if you're comfortable.
- Pray for each other, out loud...YES YOU!! You are bringing this person to the throne of God, you're not giving a speech in class. Advocate for the people in your life!

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John 14:15-18

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 16:7

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.

The Holy Spirit as our Advocate
Similar to a therapist
Similar to an attorney

How does the Holy Spirit Work?

1. The Holy Spirit Convicts us
2. The Holy Spirit Guides us
3. The Holy Spirit Prays for us

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

Question: How do I know it’s the guiding of the Holy Spirit in my life?

John 16:13

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the 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.

Galatians 5:22-26

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Do I desire the GIFTS of the Spirit?

Or

Do I desire the gift OF the Spirit?