

**God's love call's us to embrace the fullness of the Holy Spirit.**

**1. Read John 16:5-16**

Jesus is preparing his disciples for the fact that he had to go back to the father. He then would send the Holy Spirit after his death and resurrection. The word comforter or counselor is the greek word "paraclete" which means our helper. Take time in your groups walking through these verses and what you see are some of the roles of the Holy Spirit.

**Example: vs 8 says he convicts the world of sin...**

**Some other examples that are not in these verses: author of scripture, our deposit and seal, our guide, he intercedes, teacher, baptizer, giver of gifts,**

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**2. At salvation all believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.**

**Read Romans 8:5-14, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

As you walk through these verses be cognisant of the fact that the Spirit of God lives in you! Ponder that. Please take time again and discuss the above verses.

- The Spirit controls your life not your old nature anymore
- The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you
- We are now "led" by the Spirit
- God does not dwell in buildings but instead we are his dwelling place

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**3. At times we can "grieve" the Spirit.**

**Read Ephesians 4:29-32**

Please take note of the context in this verse and what makes the Spirit grieve. The word grieve in the greek means to be, shocked, devastated and wounded.

**One scholar translated vs 30 this way:**

"Stop deeply wounding and causing such extreme emotional pain to the Spirit of God, by whom you have been sealed until the day of your redemption"

Please take time to pray in your group and ask the Lord to examine our hearts.

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**4. The baptism of the Spirit**

**Read Mark 1:9-11**

Jesus did all his ministry and miracles as the son of man. That is why he needed the power of the Holy Spirit. Not only was he baptized in water he was baptized by the Spirit.

If Jesus needed this baptism then we do also.

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**5. The day of Pentecost**

**Read Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4**

Jesus command was to wait for the promise of the Spirit. They were believers but needed the power.

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**6. Read Ephesians 5:18-19**

Paul wrote this letter to believer's. Yet he says be filled with the Spirit. After conversion there is a second experience for the believer to empower us to witness and use our spiritual gifts to their full capacity.

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