



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Understanding His Person,
His Presence and His Power

GROUP CURRICULUM

SERMON

THE HOLY SPIRIT: MY HELPER (JOHN 14:15-17)

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¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

1. Would you describe yourself as an “ask for help” person, or an “I can do it myself” person?
2. Fill in the blank to complete the summary statement from this week’s message:
If you are a child of God and truly saved in him, then you are _____ dependent on the Holy Spirit.
3. In verse 16 the ESV Bible translates the Greek word, *paraklētos* as “Helper.” Take some time to look up how that word was translated in the following English versions. You can visit biblegateway.com to help you with this if needed.

NIV _____
NASB _____
KJV _____

How do these other translations of *paraklētos* build out a bigger sense of how the Holy Spirit helps?

4. What kinds of ‘man-made substitutes’ can churches rely upon if they choose to not rely upon the Holy Spirit? What kinds of personal ‘substitutes’ can enter our lives that push away our dependence upon the Holy Spirit?
5. What areas of weakness, failings and fatigue in your life do you believe that God is showing you that you are trying too hard, and relying too little on the Holy Spirit?
6. Read **1 John 4:1** and consider again this statement by Warren Wiersbe:

“The Spirit of Truth uses the Word of Truth to guide us into the will and work of God”

Now suppose you speak to a friend who tells you that the Holy Spirit had instructed them to do something, but that something goes against what the Bible clearly says. How would you speak to your friend?

7. At the close of this week’s message, Pastor Robbie encouraged us in four directions as we consider the Helper, the Holy Spirit:
 - To recognize Him, not neglecting him and pressing in to know him more.
 - To rely on him, praying to him and seeking him.
 - To revere him, loving, worshipping and adoring him.
 - To get ready for him, and expect that he will work through our lives.

Which of these four is most impactful to you right now, and why?