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# ENCOUNTER JESUS

Week 24 | THE POWER OF HIS SPIRIT | John 14:15-31

**AND IT WILL COME TO PASS AFTERWARD THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH.  
JOEL 2:28**

This may be up for debate, but it is easier to leave than it is to be left. You know, your child is excited to go to college, and you want them to feel as badly as you do that they are leaving. But they don't! Being left can feel like being left behind. Being abandoned and even forsaken. Jesus' disciples began to feel this way when they were with Him in the Upper Room, as He told them that He was going to the Father. He could probably see their faces pale as they uncomfortably squirmed in their seats. To settle their hearts, He promised to send the Holy Spirit. The One who had been His closest companion was now going to be their most intimate companion. Learning to live in close communion with the Holy Spirit is the key to a fulfilling Christian life, not to mention it's why the Father has sent us the One who is called our Helper.

**Leaders:** Take your group through each section: **Pray, Reflect, and Reach.** Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



## **PRAY** (10 min)

As a Life Group, reflect and pray over this weekend's message. Spend time confessing your need to be closer to and more dependent upon God's Holy Spirit.



## **REFLECT** (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. **Discuss how the Holy Spirit is present in the Old Testament as a group. Use the teaching on Sunday and any other relevant Scriptures. How does the Spirit's work in the New Testament Christian differ from the Old Testament saints? Derek mentioned names for the Spirit and metaphors given in Scripture. Use those in the discussion.**

**THE BASIS FOR YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS LOVE.**

2. **How dependent are you upon the Holy Spirit? The Greek word paraclete can be translated as counselor, comforter, or helper. It means the one who comes alongside another. Describe how you depend on the Holy Spirit on any given day. How can you grow in this regard?**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN'T BE REDUCED TO A POWER SOURCE, AND HE CAN'T REMAIN NEGLECTED IN YOUR LIFE. HE IS A POWERFUL AND PERSONAL ALLY WITH WHOM YOU LIVE IN CONSTANT CONNECTION.**

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3. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Spirit of Truth. This is important considering the age of deception that we live in. **What are some of our culture's lies, and how does the Holy Spirit help us identify them? What are the Biblical counterpoints to those lies, and how do those counterpoints bring us freedom?**
4. You know you belong to God because you have His Spirit. **What is the evidence of having His Spirit?**

**WHOEVER KEEPS HIS COMMANDMENTS ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD IN HIM. AND BY THIS WE KNOW THAT HE ABIDES IN US, BY THE SPIRIT WHOM HE HAS GIVEN US.**

**1 JOHN 3:24**



## WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

**EZEKIEL 36:26**

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

### THIS WEEK'S MISSIONAL LIVING TIP:

Rely on God's Holy Spirit to do all you do with excellence for God's glory, no matter how ordinary it may seem. As your integrity shines, look for opportunities to tell someone about Jesus.



## REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, be more intentionally dependent upon God's Spirit. Spend a few minutes in prayer in the morning, afternoon, and evening confessing your dependence upon God's Spirit.