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# ENCOUNTER JESUS

Week 27 | THE POWER OF DEPENDENCE | John 16:1-15

## THE PRIMARY WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TO CONTINUE THE REDEEMING WORK OF CHRIST BY LOCALIZING HIS PRESENCE AND POWER AMONG CHRIST'S PEOPLE.

It's fair to say that some things in the Bible are challenging to understand, especially for the modern mind steeped in a scientific worldview. For instance, how does bread fall from heaven? How could water pour from one rock and quench the thirst of 2 million people? What about a virgin girl becoming pregnant with no sexual intercourse? Or a sea parting and the sea floor dry enough for people to walk across? Or, how about this, how can there be one God in three persons? Indeed, the Trinity and the Holy Spirit specifically are beautiful mysteries, but there's much that God has revealed about Himself and His Spirit through the Scriptures. Like the rest of us, you may not have all the answers dialed in, but you certainly have seen the evidence of the Spirit's work. You have witnessed a self-assured atheist become an ardent believer in God and a follower of Jesus. You've seen someone down and out, addicted and broken, set free and filled with deep satisfaction and joy. That is the work of the Spirit of God. He is the one that causes a person to be aware of their need for Jesus. He has done that work in you, and He wants to do that work through you!

**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. Confess your desire to be more dependent upon God's Spirit. Ask God to reveal His Spirit to you and the areas in your life where He can have a greater influence upon you.



### **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. The Holy Spirit is the one that changes the heart. He convicts people of sin, righteousness, and judgment. **Based on the Scripture and Sunday's message, discuss what that means. Focus specifically on John 16:8-11. Define what the word "convict" means. What is the purpose of the Spirit's work with regard to these verses?**

**WE ARE SEEKING A RENEWED DEPENDENCE UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT. FOR SENDING: LIVING MISSIONALLY EVERY DAY BY GOD'S SPIRIT TO BRING CHRIST'S REDEEMING POWER TO LOST SOULS THROUGH WORD AND DEED. FOR SANCTIFICATION: A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFESTYLE THAT PRODUCES OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST'S COMMANDS, THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, AND THE EXERCISE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS FOR THE EDIFICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE.**

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2. **How does the Spirit accomplish His work of convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment? Describe what that has looked like in your life. As a Christian, how are you involved in the Spirit's work in the lives of others?**

**THIS CONVICTING WORK OF THE SPIRIT IS GRACIOUS: IT IS DESIGNED TO BRING MEN AND WOMEN OF THE WORLD TO RECOGNIZE THEIR NEED, AND TURN TO JESUS.**

3. According to the study, the Holy Spirit equips you to be a witness in four specific ways:
- He leads you and guides you in all truth.
  - He leads you to live a life of humble submission to the authority and will of the Father.
  - He magnifies Christ in your life.
  - And He presses a burden upon your heart to see the lost rescued.

The above is evidence of the Spirit's work in your life. **Discuss this at length as a group. Identify areas of encouragement where you see the Spirit working. Identify areas where you know you need to press in and grow more. How can you help one another grow in this?**

**WHEN THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS MOVING AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD, THE INCARNATION, LIFE, DEATH, RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF JESUS WILL ALWAYS BE THE FOCUS.**



## WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

**EPHESIANS 1:17-18** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.

### THIS WEEK'S MISSIONAL LIVING TIP:

Be intentionally dependent upon God's Spirit in the way the study described. As you do, expect God to do something wonderful through your life in a way that impacts a soul that needs Jesus.



## REACH (5 min)

Be lovingly bold in God's Spirit this week, praying that God would bring one person across your path that is not only in need of Jesus but is ready to receive Him. Then, when God provides that opportunity, remember you can lead a person to faith in Christ right then and there.