

spiritual infant

DISCIPLE ME

THE ONE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

ICEBREAKER: DESERT ISLAND

If you were stranded on a desert island, what essential items would you choose to ensure your survival? You can choose ONLY three items from the list below. Share what you would take and why.

Bag of fruit	Vegetable seeds	Swiss army knife	Fishing net
Sunblock	100ft rope	Waterproof bedding	Large bucket
Two gallons kerosene	A lighter	Flashlight	First aid kit
Whistle	Machete	Extra clothes	Case of bottled water

READ: JOHN 16:7

In the passage we will explore today, Jesus says something strange and shocking to His closest friends. He tells them He will be leaving them. But instead of leaving them with survival supplies, He promises to leave something else behind. He said:

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.

STUDY: JOHN 16:12-15

In John 16:12-15, Jesus tells His friends and us what this "Advocate" will do. Take a few minutes with your discipleship partners to read these verses carefully. Note each way in which Jesus says this gift will help you.

What Jesus refers to in this passage as the "Advocate" or the "Spirit of Truth" is what in other parts of the scriptures is called the Holy Spirit. Most people have heard of God and Jesus, but some who aren't familiar with Jesus' teachings may be confused when they read about the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSS:

- What do you think of or what pictures come to your mind when you hear “The Holy Spirit”?
- In John 16, Jesus says it’s good that He goes away because unless He does, the Holy Spirit can’t come. What advantage might there be for God’s people to have the Holy Spirit with them instead of Jesus?
- What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?

WATCH: WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Story of the Holy Spirit doesn’t begin with Jesus telling His friends that the Spirit will come; it actually begins on the first pages of scripture. To fully understand the role of God’s Spirit in the scriptures, use the QR code to watch a video that will give you the full picture.



READ: NEW TEMPLE

After His resurrection, Jesus told His disciples that after He had gone to be with the Father, they should wait to receive the Holy Spirit. Through the power of the Spirit, they would become His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria and eventually spread the good news to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). It’s through God’s Spirit living in us that we become a New Temple for God to dwell in.

Read 1st Corinthians 3:16

Read 1st Corinthians 6:19-20

DISCUSS:

- What are your thoughts, knowing that as a follower of Jesus, God’s Spirit now lives in you?
- How does this truth influence and impact your daily life?

CHALLENGE: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- This week, find a few minutes each day to read Galatians 5:22-23. These verses describe what is referred to as the fruit of the Spirit. Consider whether these kinds of fruit are growing in your life each time you read them. Text your Discipleship group this week and let them know which fruit you’re crushing and which ones you need to work on growing.