

October 6 Discussion Questions - Spirit

John 14:12-31

Review

The Holy Spirit is:

- Fully God (Rom 8:9-11)
- Fully Personal (John 15:26)
- All about Jesus (John 16:14)

The Holy Spirit Gives us:

1. **Peace**
 - a. The Comfort of God's Presence (John 14:16-20,23,27)
 - b. The Fullness of God's Joy (John 15:11; 16:20,24)
2. **Perception**
 - a. Understanding God's Word (John 14:17,21,26)
 - b. Knowing God's Will (John 16:8-10,13, 23-24)
3. **Power**
 - a. to Obey (John 14:16, 21; 15:14)
 - b. To Bear fruit (John 15:8,10,27)
 - c. To Persevere through every trial (16:1; 1 Cor. 10:13)

Connect

1. Share a time when someone you loved moved away to a new place. How did it make you feel? Why was it hard to let them go?
2. Jesus is likewise leaving His disciples. Instead of being discouraging news, how is this encouraging news?

Read John 14:12-31

Discuss

3. Looking over this passage, what key things do we learn about the Holy Spirit?
4. How often are the words "keep my commandments" or "keep my word" used here? Why would John connect this to Jesus' introduction of the Holy Spirit?
5. What is the nature of the "peace" the Holy Spirit gives to believers in v.27? How is God's peace different than the world's peace? (see Philippians 4:6-7; Romans 8:6)

Apply

6. Francis Chan says the Holy Spirit is the "forgotten God" of our generation. What does he mean? Do you agree? How can we begin to change this deficiency?
7. In what areas are you lacking peace? What truth about the Gospel does the Holy Spirit need to bring to your remembrance in order to bring you rest?
8. In what way do you most need the Holy Spirit today? (*For example, do you need Him most to be your teacher, your joy-giver, your sustainer, your peace, your power for evangelism?*) How can you walk in-step with the Spirit this week to receive what you most need?

Pray

9. I think we all want the Holy Spirit to be more active in our lives. Let's spend time asking the Holy Spirit to deepen our relationship with Him and trust Him to advance the cause of Jesus in us and through us to others.