

LIFE Groups: Easter to Pentecost 2025

Week 13 - Jesus' School of Discipleship!

The Holy Spirit's Primary Purpose!

Jesus promised His disciples that they would not be alone, but that He would still be present through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is still present with us today, convincing us of three important things!

1 - An Advocate who comes alongside...

In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is called *paracletos*, Greek for “one who comes alongside”, or an advocate. Have you had an experience where someone advocated for you? How did it feel to know you weren't alone?

2 - Watch Pastor Scott's Video for Jesus' School of Discipleship - Week 13

3 - Scripture reading - John chapter 16: *Jesus sends the Advocate!*

Jesus prepares His disciples for challenges:

- **Read John 16:1-4** - Jesus warns His disciples that a time was coming when they would face challenges because of their faith in Him. When John wrote down his gospel 40 years later, the things Jesus described were happening - being thrown out of synagogues and even martyred in Roman arenas. *How would John's words encourage the early Christians, knowing that Jesus was aware of their struggles?*

Jesus promises an Advocate:

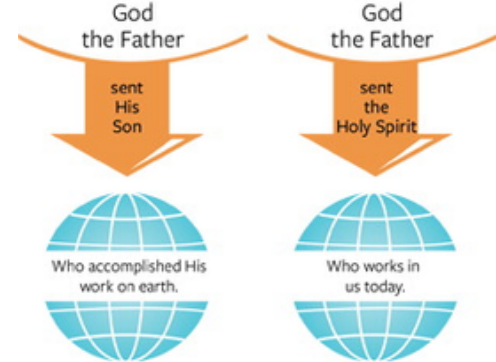
- **Read John 16:5-11** - Hearing about Jesus' departure made the disciples sad, but He helps them understand that His death and resurrection made it possible for the Holy Spirit (their Advocate), to be present in the world. Jesus describes the three functions of the Holy Spirit regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment, which Pastor Scott summarized in the video. *How do these verses speak to you today? Have you experienced the convicting/convincing work of the Holy Spirit in these 3 areas?*
 - **Sin** - helps us to believe in Jesus (prevenient grace)
 - **Righteousness** - helps us believe we have the righteousness of Jesus
 - **Judgment** - helps us know the ruler of this world is condemned

Jesus' words give us courage:

- **Read John 16:33** - Jesus' words helped prepare His followers to face challenges with courage and peace! He doesn't promise an easy life, in fact quite the opposite! But He does promise to be with them, and to give them peace and courage.
- *How do His words still speak to us today? Share with your group how you would like to experience more of this peace and courage!*

Pray together!

- **Pray for each other, and for the Holy Spirit to work in and through us!**



The Holy Spirit was the presence of the Father within Jesus the Son.

Jesus sent the Spirit to be His presence in His disciples... and still present in us today!



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