

Behold the Holy Spirit

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Passage: John 16:5-15

Main Point: The Holy Spirit comes to equip the believer, convict the sinner, and help us to live like Jesus in this world.

Case Study:

A friend of yours is confused by the Old Testament Law. He is confused about why God would write laws that He did not expect us to uphold. Romans 3:20 comes to your mind, which states, "...no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin." Using the 10 Commandments, how can you communicate this truth to your friend and what should you include to make your presentation of the Gospel complete? (John 16:7-11, Exodus 20:1-17)

The Word:

1. Why was it good for Jesus to leave his disciples? What does the Holy Spirit do in His place? (John 16:7-11)
2. What is glory? How does the Spirit bring glory to Jesus? (John 16:12-15)
3. Read Hebrews 12:7-11 How might the Holy Spirit convict the world and discipline God's children (John 16:8)?

The World:

1. Read Romans 1:32. If the Holy Spirit convicts the world, why does it still act wickedly? (John 16:8)
2. Can we know what will happen in the future? Why is it important for us to know what to expect in the future? Where do we go to know what to expect? (John 16:13)
3. Why do other religions fail in their attempts to know God?

The Application:

1. What sorts of things make you long for God's Kingdom to reign here on earth? How can the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life fulfill these longings until your time on earth is complete? (John 16:6)
2. The Holy Spirit speaks as the Word of God, and He is truth. How should this knowledge guide us in making decisions? How should it aid us in knowing what to believe? (John 16:13)
3. What can help us as a family group to be more transparent about how we are being convicted or disciplined? In what ways can this help us bond as a family group? (Men and women break up into separate groups to discuss this question). (John 16:8-11)

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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