

## The Person of the Holy Spirit

### WARM-UP

- Tell us about a time a good friend accompanied you during a task or errand, or was with you during an important life event. How did you feel?
- Have you experienced a promise being kept by a friend or loved one? What happened?
- How do you feel when you receive letters from someone not present?

### WORD

*<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”* **JOHN 16:13-15**

The Holy Spirit is the *Spirit of truth* promised and sent by Jesus Christ to be with His disciples, to guide them and communicate the Word and will of God to them. In this lesson, we will look closer into who the Holy Spirit is and how we should relate to Him.

## 1 The Holy Spirit was promised by Jesus.

*"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."* **JOHN 16:7**

As Jesus predicted and continuously reminded the disciples of His coming death and resurrection, He also told them that the Holy Spirit would come to be with them. The Holy Spirit that Jesus promised is to be our *Helper* and Comforter, always with us, never leaving our side. How have you felt the comfort of the Holy Spirit?

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## 2 The Holy Spirit speaks to us and guides us.

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Jesus also told His disciples that this Spirit that would be with them is a Spirit of truth, and would guide them and tell them *the things that are to come*. God is all-knowing, and because the Holy Spirit is God, He too is all-knowing. The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force, but a Person who patiently guides us *into all the truth*. How has the Holy Spirit guided you?

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### 3

## The Holy Spirit works in perfect unity with the Father and the Son.

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This is how Jesus described the relationship of the Trinity: the Holy Spirit *will take what is Mine [Jesus] and declare it to you*. What Jesus has is from the Father, and what the Holy Spirit has is from Jesus. These three, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, work in perfect unity. We trust that this Holy Spirit that Jesus promised has the same mind as the Father and the Son. How does this knowledge give you assurance? How can it be a source of comfort as you live life today?

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### APPLICATION

- Do you believe the Holy Spirit guides you as you go through each day? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal more to you about Himself.
- Is there an area in your life that you feel you can't handle alone? How can you intentionally allow the Holy Spirit to help you with this?
- The Holy Spirit gives us the words to say to people. Who is one person you can preach the gospel to this week?

## PRAYER

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal more of Himself to you as you interact with those around you. Pray that the words that come out of your mouth will be Spirit-led.
- Think of a friend or family member that needs to come to know the Lord in a deeper way. Pray that they will be touched by the Holy Spirit as they see the way you live.
- Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the community around you. Pray to be used by the Holy Spirit as you reach out to your community.

## NOTES

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