

SESSION 1: THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS CLARITY & UNITY

Watch the video or read the script together as a group; then discuss the following questions. Keep in mind the questions are meant to prompt conversation, so don't feel the need to use or discuss every question.

BIBLE REFERENCES

John 11:25; 1 Cor. 12:3; Psalm 62:8; Romans 15:13, 8:26; John 10:10; Rev. 22:17; Acts 8:12

QUESTIONS

1. In John 10:10, Jesus says, *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* What life is Jesus talking about? How does your eternal life impact your natural life?
2. How do you live and walk in the Spirit in your family? In your workplace? In your community?
3. If the Holy Spirit unifies, why is there discord in our congregations? How can you contribute to the unity?
4. When the Holy Spirit lives in us, His fruit becomes a part of our nature. Do those around you experience the fruit of the Spirit through your words and actions?
5. Discuss one moment in your life when you felt the impulse of the Holy Spirit prodding you to do something that you hadn't planned on doing.
 - a. Did you act according to the impulse?
 - b. What happened?
6. How is walking in the Spirit both personal and communal?

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SESSION 2: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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BIBLE REFERENCES

John 14:15-18; Matthew 16:18, 28:20;
Romans 5:5, 8:16-17

QUESTIONS

1. Why did Jesus tell the disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit?
2. The Greek word for “helper,” which Jesus uses to describe the Holy Spirit, means, “one called to stand alongside” to assist during a struggle. Have you thought of the Holy Spirit like this before? How else do you think of the Spirit?
3. How does the Holy Spirit remind us as a church of the promises God has made and of our mission?
4. How do you have a continuous relationship with the Holy Spirit?
5. Describe how you have experienced the Holy Spirit as your comforter, advocate, and helper.
6. The video mentioned that the disciples would face great hostility and many challenges. What hostility and challenges do Christians still face today?
7. Is there anything the Holy Spirit won't help you do? Explain.
8. **PERSONAL TAKE-HOME:** For the rest of this series, we're going to continue looking at what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit in John 14-16. Please take some time to read those chapters during this week in preparation for our next discussion. Ask the Spirit to guide you as you read.

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SESSION 3: THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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John 14:15-17, 15:26, 16:13-14

QUESTIONS

1. What are some ways you see the Holy Spirit every day in your life?
2. How does the Holy Spirit help you to identify the truth? What are the truths that the Spirit has taught you?
3. Why is it important to engage with the Holy Spirit as you read the Bible, or as you listen to God's word?
4. If what we say and what we do are being led by the Spirit of truth, then what will people hear us say and see us do?
5. How important is it to have a source we can trust?
6. The Spirit glorifies Jesus Christ. How can this knowledge help us determine if our actions and words are Spirit-led?
7. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will "guide you into all truth." Why wouldn't the Holy Spirit be more direct and forceful with truth?
8. **PERSONAL TAKE-HOME:** Write a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of Jesus in your life.

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SESSION 4: A WITNESS OF CHRIST

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BIBLE REFERENCES

John 15:26-27, 21:1-4, 20:25; Luke 22:57, 24:11, 13-14; Acts 2, 4:1-4, 27-29, 5:40-43, 12:1-2,

QUESTIONS

1. *The Holy Spirit's purpose on earth is to maintain the cause of Christ, sanctify Christians, and provide comfort in a world that so desperately needs Christ, but so stubbornly pushes Him away. What do the phrases "maintain the cause of Christ" and "sanctify Christians" mean to you? What is our purpose on earth?*
2. What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you about Jesus Christ?
3. It's not always easy to be a witness for Jesus. How can you work with the Holy Spirit to overcome your fears and courageously be a witness for the Lord?
4. Even as followers of Jesus, we may experience moments when we feel like we need to deny or reject Him because of the people we find ourselves with. That's not how we're called to live as Christians. How can you work on getting past the apprehension and fear you feel in those moments?
5. How does your relationship with the Holy Spirit secure your trust in the promises of God?
6. Why did the disciples' responses change so dramatically from fear and despair right after Jesus' death to these courageous moments in the book of Acts?
7. In this session, we looked at the disciple's actions before and after receiving the Holy Spirit. Do you have such a change that you can look at in your life? Do you think it's important to see changes in our lives based on the activity of the Holy Spirit?

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SESSION 5: THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

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BIBLE REFERENCES

John 16:7-15

QUESTIONS

1. Why couldn't the Holy Spirit only come after Jesus had returned to His Father?
2. As you work to allow the new creation to grow within you, how can the Holy Spirit assist you in battling against sin and the pressures of your old self?
3. John 16:8 says the Spirit would convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement. The Greek word that is used for convict (*elegchō*) means to "show someone their sin and summon them to repentance." How does the Holy Spirit convict you of your sins? What is the process of coming to repentance like for you?
4. How can the Holy Spirit remind you each day of the freedom that you have through the love of Jesus Christ?
5. What prevents, or contributes to, the love and unity within a congregation?
6. What truth and knowledge has the Holy Spirit revealed to you over time? (I used to think _____, but now I think _____.)
7. How do the Persons of the Trinity testify of each other?

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SCRIPT & ADDITIONAL CONTEXT

SESSION 1: THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS CLARITY & UNITY

Each Pentecost reminds us of the original Pentecost when the Apostles and all those who were waiting together were filled with the Holy Spirit and immediately began preaching Christ's Gospel. Imagine how the people felt after hearing that first sermon conducted by Apostle Peter. They were so moved that they asked, *"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"* Apostle Peter advised them to repent and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. On this most recent Pentecost Sunday, we were also given instructions for "what we shall do" in our time: give thanks to God, the Holy Spirit, and allow Him to lead us. This is done by living and walking in the Spirit. Let us go deeper into this understanding.

What does it mean to live in the Holy Spirit? To live in the Spirit means that we live through the Spirit, that is to say, it is only by the Spirit that we have divine life at all. Without the activity of the Holy Spirit, we could never have true access to fellowship with God. In 1 Corinthians 12:3, Apostle Paul explains to the congregation that *"...no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."* Only the Holy Spirit can produce belief in Jesus Christ, which is necessary for eternal life. After believing in Christ, then life is poured into our souls through the rebirth of water and the Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit then dwells enduringly within sealed believers, if we allow it, and makes it possible for the fruit of the Spirit (such as love, joy, peace, and longsuffering) to grow there. But we have to struggle with ourselves to give the Holy Spirit room to work in us and to reveal these gifts. This is not automatic.

Living in the Spirit flourishes with our sealing; the Holy Spirit also provides nourishment for the divine life within us. He provides the word in the divine services, which gives us direction, counsel, clarity. The Holy Spirit also provides for the consecration of the bread and wine for Holy Communion and allows us to partake in the body and blood of Christ. Without the word and sacrament, the divine life within us could not grow and thrive.

Finally, living in the Spirit provides us clarity and truth. Spiritual clarity is important in order to see ourselves and our surroundings properly. How does this all begin? When we allow the Holy Spirit to move and direct us, we begin to see with spiritual clarity God's plan of salvation. He also helps us in our daily life to make wise spiritual and natural decisions.

So, while living in the Spirit joins believers through Holy Baptism into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13) and through Holy Sealing into the bridal congregation, it is by *walking in the Spirit* that we are truly unified. Walking in

the Spirit means that we choose to allow Him to guide us in all circumstances of life because we love Him so much. This is unifying in that though we each walk a unique and personalized path, our goal is the same and the urgings of the Holy Spirit are the same. He desires to unite us with our Heavenly Father and our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.

What does the Spirit direct us to do to achieve this goal? First of all, He instructs us to nurture the divine life within us by supplying our soul with the food it needs in the divine services. Secondly, the Spirit instructs us to pray. Our prayer life must show our deep trust and hope in our Heavenly Father. When we pray we are convinced that God has heard our prayers and that He will act. David often stated in the Psalms to trust the Lord. In Psalm 62:8 David states: *"Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us."* Apostle Paul in Romans 15:13 (NIV) also encourages us, saying: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* The Holy Spirit will also direct our prayers even when we ourselves are unsure of what to say. According to Romans 8:26: *"...the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."*

Walking in the Spirit also unifies us in that the Spirit urges us to dedicate our lives to serving Jesus Christ and our fellow man. Dedicating our lives does not mean we despise our earthly life but rather know how to treasure and enjoy it. We use every day to gain victories over evil, and we use our gifts in order to serve others as Jesus did because we love Him.

Jesus explains in John 10:10 that He *"[came] that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* He wants us to experience the fullness of joy in life that comes from doing what God has gifted us to do, and the Spirit will also direct us in this.

Lastly, walking in the Spirit unifies us in the longing for the Lord to return. We hear through the ministering of the Apostles the call of the Holy Spirit: Come! Our entire life is filled with the plea from Revelation 22:17: *"Come, Lord Jesus!"* By setting our focus on this, the differences that divide us fade and our unique, personal qualities become beautiful facets of a unified bridal congregation.

SCRIPT & ADDITIONAL CONTEXT

SESSION 2: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

For our first discussion, we'll focus on the Holy Spirit and His role as Helper. Our study will be based on the words of Jesus found in the 14th chapter of the Gospel of John. Let's begin by reading verses 15-18.

If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Why did Jesus tell His disciples that He prayed that the Father would give another Helper? What did He mean? Remember, Jesus was spending His last evening with His disciples, who were His friends. As they were gathered in the upper room, Jesus celebrated with them the Passover meal, and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper.

Jesus told his disciples that He was about to leave them and they could not go with Him. He divulged that they would face great hostility and many challenges. The disciples were confused by what Jesus was telling them, quite understandably. Jesus offered hope and encouragement by saying, **I pray the Father will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever....** It is with these words that Jesus gives His disciples the assurance of His eternal presence, love, support, and strength. The question is "How?" Let's look deeper into the words Jesus used and their meaning.

Jesus said "another" would come, which in Greek (*allos*) means "another of the same kind".

Jesus used the word "Helper" to describe the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for helper, *parakletos*, has the meaning of "one called to stand alongside" to assist during a struggle; this usually referred to a family attorney who was always on retainer whenever needed.

Some bible translations use the word "comforter" or "advocate" rather than "helper". Today, the word "comforter" has come to mean providing ease and solace after times of trouble. But the original meaning was different. The original Latin word, *confortare*, means "to strengthen much".

Therefore, Jesus literally meant that the Father would send one like Him, who is called to stand alongside them, whose role is to support them during struggles and impart strength. Jesus had just revealed a great truth, of which he reminded

His disciples before His ascension: **"and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."** (Matthew 28:20). Jesus is the original *parakletos*, and through the sending of the Holy Spirit, His presence can still be experienced.

Today, it is reassuring that as members of the body of Christ we can count on the help and support of Jesus Christ through the activity of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps the church to fulfill its mission as the vehicle in which God offers salvation to mankind. Despite all forces of evil that oppose the will of God, the Holy Spirit strengthens our faith in the promise of Jesus when He said, **"and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against [the church]"** (Matthew 16:18).

We can also count on the help of the Holy Spirit in our personal journey with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We can be certain that Jesus is faithful to us and keeps His promises.

We are not immune to experiencing fear, confusion, loneliness, and sorrow. When we feel this way, we can pray in faith that the Holy Spirit accompanies us with His help. Then we will experience how the Comforter restores our confidence, peace, love, and joy. The Holy Spirit is like a friend, who we can talk to in prayer every day and ask Him to walk with us at all times and in all circumstances.

We can see the Holy Spirit act in every divine service and sacrament. The Spirit-inspired Word, the grace and proclamation of forgiveness, the celebration of Holy Communion, and God's blessing contribute to draw us closer to God and form us to the image of Jesus Christ. God's love is poured out into the hearts of those who have been reborn through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). In the celebration of Holy Communion, the Holy Spirit makes it possible for God's love to grow and expand so that God becomes greater in our lives and we love our neighbor the way Jesus loves them. The fellowship that we experience with Jesus Christ in Holy Communion through the activity of the Holy Spirit equips us to remain faithful to Him and resist evil.

Ultimately, the Holy Spirit keeps hope alive in the return of Christ for all those who align their lives towards this day! (Romans 8:16-17)

SCRIPT & ADDITIONAL CONTEXT

SESSION 3: THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

In this session, we'll learn from Jesus that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. In the 14th-17th chapters of John, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth three times (14:17; 15:26; 16:13). Let's explore some of these teachings about the purpose of the Holy Spirit.

As we learned last week, in John 14, Jesus had just broken the news to His disciples that He would soon be leaving them. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit and teaches them about their Helper.

Let's revisit verses 15-17: *"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him or knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."*

This verse teaches us how the three persons of God work together to care for us. What do Jesus' words tell us about the work of the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of truth because He is truth and guides us to truth in Jesus Christ. The Spirit is at work in the world, but His activity often goes unnoticed. Do you recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit each day, and allow Him to direct your steps? As followers of Jesus, every day we want to be increasingly aware of His presence.

In John 15:26, we find Jesus' second reference to the Spirit of truth. We'll discuss this verse in our next session.

The third reference comes once again as Jesus is comforting and edifying His disciples. Jesus says in John 16:13-14:

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."

The disciples had a great task before them: to take what they had learned from Jesus and share it with the world. And for a few of them, that meant writing what would become the books of the New Testament. That work was lead, guided, and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Today, the Spirit continues to speak with the authority of the Triune God to remind and teach us the truth of Jesus Christ. How well do we remember everything we have heard and been taught? It's great to have someone to help and remind us. We have much to learn about

Jesus – what He has done, is doing, and will do in the future. As the author of Scripture, the Holy Spirit's promptings will always align with revelations in the Bible. Test the inspirations of the Spirit against the Bible to be guided by what is true. When the Spirit is allowed to work in us and inspire our actions, we glorify the Lord.

Through the work of the Spirit, we are continually assured that the work of Jesus is real. How important is it to have a source we can trust? In our world today, where misinformation can be prevalent and we must question whether something is fact or fiction, it's critical for us to be in-tune and trust in the Spirit of God.

Sometimes we may justify our actions and words by saying we are led by the Spirit: "It was the Spirit speaking," or "God told me to do that." Think about that reasoning in light of the knowledge of the Spirit of truth. Do our actions and words testify of Jesus? If not, we cannot say that the Spirit is leading us. If we find ourselves using the Holy Spirit as a scapegoat for our behavior, we need to stop, reset, and allow the new creation to grow within us.

Allow the Spirit of truth to continue to teach you more about Christ and direct your path according to God's will. When we seek to be continually in-tune with the Spirit and test everything we hear against what He has revealed, we can be sure that we are walking our journey of faith with truth.

SCRIPT & ADDITIONAL CONTEXT

SESSION 4: A WITNESS OF CHRIST

This week, our session will focus on Jesus' words in John 15, verses 26-27 – *But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.* Jesus' words to the disciples in John 15 explain how the Holy Spirit will be present in their lives. The Spirit was to testify of Jesus, which in turn would help the disciples in their own testimonies of Jesus.

Jesus knew that when the disciples faced hardships, they would be tempted to stray from their commitment to serve Him. We see evidence of this just by looking at how the disciples reacted after Jesus' arrest and His death on the cross: Peter denied knowing Jesus to avoid being arrested (Luke 22:57). Many of the disciples, when told by Mary and the other women that Jesus had risen from the dead, continued in their unbelief and despair (Luke 24:11); two of the disciples left Jerusalem after Jesus' death to go to Emmaus, sad and astounded that their Lord was gone (Luke 24:13-14). Thomas doubted that Jesus had risen because he had not yet seen Him with his own eyes (John 20:25), and other disciples, after Jesus' death, simply went back to their lives as fishermen, which was something that they were comfortable with (John 21:1-4).

In these moments, the disciples thought that Christ was no longer in their lives or even in this world. Without their Lord to guide and teach them, they were unsure of how to continue, and so they began to return to the lives they had left behind. Even after seeing the resurrected Lord at different times over the course of 40 days, the disciples remained confused and had difficulty comprehending what it would be like to not have Jesus with them. After all, they had responded to Jesus' call and left everything behind. They had come to believe He was the Son of God and their Savior. They had experienced so much together. How would they be able to carry on without Him in the face of so much adversity and so many unknowns?

The Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2 just as Jesus had promised. It is incredible to contrast the feelings, attitudes, and behavior of the disciples prior to this event, and after. The disciples of Jesus had been transformed by the Holy Spirit as He dwelled in them. They were no longer frightened, confused, and hopeless, but instead boldly proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bolstered with courage, gone was the fear of death: they were willing to give their lives for Christ, and they did.

Peter and John were prepared to be arrested in order to preach the gospel and make believers out of the people in Jerusalem (Acts 4:1-4). The disciples desired to be witnesses of Christ, even though they were beaten for it as punishment by the Sadducees (Acts 5:40-43), and James was martyred for his faith by King Herod (Acts 12:1-2). The disciples faced real danger, in addition to the inherent difficulties that arose from their calling to travel to other countries to preach the gospel and support established congregations. Consider the impact of these hardships they went through! And yet, they did not stop witnessing Christ.

Why did their responses change so dramatically from fear and despair right after Jesus' death to these courageous moments in the book of Acts? Yes, they had actually seen Jesus as the risen Lord and witnessed His ascension to His Father. Certainly these experiences helped the disciples testify of Christ to the world. But now they also had the Spirit of God dwelling in them! Before the sending of the Spirit, they fled and hid from potential danger; now, they had courage.

The Holy Spirit's purpose on earth is to maintain the cause of Christ, sanctify Christians, and provide comfort in a world that so desperately needs Christ, but so stubbornly pushes Him away. When we believe in and call upon the Holy Spirit to be present in our lives, we will discover a well of courage inside of us. To live a life that testifies of Jesus will not be easy. But, when we trust in the power of the Spirit and pray for His guidance, we can overcome obstacles that try to prevent us from testifying about our Savior.

When we seek the Spirit's guidance in our lives and in our witnessing of Christ, we have to give Him something to work with. The Holy Spirit can inspire courage in us to talk about Jesus, but He can't make the words come out of our mouths. In order to talk about Christ, we have to know Him. This requires studying God's word and knowing what the Bible says about Jesus Christ. We must strive to personally live in communion with God and understand the love and hope we have in Christ.

When we are equipped with this personal knowledge of God, then the Holy Spirit can help us to share that knowledge. We can pray with confidence words similar to the disciples' prayer to God in Acts 4: *For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined to be done. Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word...* (Acts 4:27-29).

SCRIPT & ADDITIONAL CONTEXT

SESSION 5: THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

Please take out your Bibles and turn to John 16. The verses we'll discuss today will help us understand how the Holy Spirit continued the work of revelation that began with Jesus – in both His judgment of the world, and the revelation of God to the disciples. Read together, verses 7 through 11:

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 depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Why did Jesus have to go away for the Spirit to come? The Holy Spirit reveals and testifies of the glorification of Jesus. At the time when Jesus is saying these words, He still had not died, resurrected, or ascended into heaven. Therefore, the events that the Holy Spirit is intended to reveal have not yet been completed. Until these events take place, the Spirit cannot bear witness to Jesus – He can only come after Jesus has returned to His Father.

The verses tell us that the Spirit will *convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment*. What does that mean? The Greek word that is used for convict (*elegchō*) means to “show someone their sin and summon them to repentance.” So the Spirit will expose the sins of those who condemned Jesus, but through repentance, even they can find grace and forgiveness in Him. Let's look at each statement:

He will convict the world...of sin, because they do not believe in Me. Jesus stood alone at His trial, rejected as the One that God had sent, not only by the Gentiles, but also by the Jewish people and His own disciples. Jesus was accused of being a sinner, when in fact, His accusers were sinners for not believing that He was the Son of God, thereby rejecting God through Him.

He will convict the world...of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more. The Greek word used for righteousness (*dikaiosynē*) can also include a sense of justice. Jesus' opponents did not judge Him correctly, especially in His claim to be the Son of God. Jesus' resurrection and ascension into heaven prove that He is the Son of God, and exposes their justice as unjust.

He will convict the world...of judgement, because the ruler of this world is judged. Another translation reads “*the prince of this world stands condemned*.” Jesus stood condemned in front of Pontius Pilate before He died on the cross, but by His death and resurrection, the evil one stands condemned and defeated through the glorification of Jesus.

As we've explored these three statements, we've seen how the world would be shown their errors through the actions of Jesus in His death and resurrection. Today, we can see how the Spirit also exposed the world in sin, righteousness, and judgment through the disciples and the first Christian community. Their faith in Christ allowed **freedom from the weight of sin**. They strove for the **righteousness and justice found in Christ**, because they had His Spirit, living within them. And they had the power to **overcome the evil one**, because Jesus had defeated him. The first church exposed and condemned the world, not through a trial, but through their love and unity. Is our congregation such a community?

Let's take a look at verses 12-15:

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

After Jesus ascends into heaven, the Spirit takes over as the Teacher, speaking not on His own authority, but instead revealing Jesus to the disciples - just as Jesus revealed God, the Father to the them. These verses give us a glimpse of the relationship between God, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, and how they testify of each other. When we look to the Holy Spirit for guidance, He leads us to Christ, **who is the way and the truth**. And Christ in turn, leads us to the Father. Yet, the Holy Spirit can only lead us where we willingly choose to go. Allow the Spirit to reveal His knowledge and truth in your life.