



Small Group Work Sheet

John 16:5-15 - The Holy Spirit in Action

July 21, 2013

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

1. Teaching on the Holy Spirit is often neglected today. What have you been taught in the past about the Holy Spirit? About who he is? About what he does?

Part 2 - Sermon Review

2. Read John 16:7 How is it 'to our advantage' that Jesus depart and the Spirit comes? Read Lk. 22:54-62 and note Peter's actions, then read Acts 2:36-41 and note the change in Peter.
 - a. What are the ways that the Spirit's coming was crucial for the early church? For us today?
 - b. Do you really believe Jesus' words that it is better for him—God in the flesh—to depart so that the Holy Spirit may come? What does your answer say about the Church's understanding of the Holy Spirit today? What are some ways that we can cultivate a greater understanding of the Spirit in our lives?

3. Among other things, Jesus declares that the Holy Spirit is 'the Helper (ESV)' or 'the Advocate (NIV)' (v. 7). What are some ways that the Holy Spirit helps believers?
 - a. Read 1 Cor. 12:1-11. How are the spiritual gifts a form of help from the Spirit? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Take some time affirming the spiritual gifts of those in your Life Group.
 - b. Read 1 Cor. 12:7, 21-26. What are the purpose of spiritual gifts? What are some tangible ways over the next few weeks that you can use your spiritual gifts for the building up of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12b)?
4. Jesus also declares that the Holy Spirit will glorify him (v. 14). In which ways does the Holy Spirit glorify Jesus? What are the ways that the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus in us?