

Week 1: The Holy Who?

The gospel, or the "good news" isn't just that we are forgiven of our sins. It means that we are also freed from the power of sin and empowered to live a godly, abundant life on earth while we wait for heaven. This is made possible by the Holy Spirit who indwells every believer. We don't just have a third of God, we have all of God living in us. This is the best part of the good news. But in order to live a transformed life, the God living in us needs all of us.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How much emphasis was given to the Holy Spirit in the church you grew up in or recently came from? What are some things you were taught about Him? How would you describe your overall understanding of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as a "Counselor" in John 14:16. What kinds of things does this imply? In what ways has the Holy Spirit counseled you?
- 3. Read John 16:7. Jesus is essentially saying it's better for us when the Holy Spirit comes to take His place. Why do you think this is?
- 4. Read Hebrews 10:14-15. As we discussed Sunday, Jesus' sacrifice made us "perfect" in the sense that we are forgiven, but we are being made holy, or sanctified. This is the process of becoming more like Jesus. How have you seen the Holy Spirit work this process in your life? What is the most noticeable change in you since you began following Jesus? Did you attribute this to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life before now?
- 5. Shawn said, "We don't need more of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit needs more of us." Why do you think we sometimes neglect to give Him all of us? Is there an area in your life where this is a struggle? Commit to praying about that this week.

