



Week 3: The Work of the Spirit

It was never God's plan to save us and then leave us to figure out how to live the redeemed life on our own. God the Son made a promise that God the Father made good on. He sent God the Spirit to be our advocate, helper, comforter, and counselor. He not only works in us to shape our character, He walks with us to help us make sense of life.

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time in your life when you were stuck and/or stranded and/or lost and knew you weren't going to be able to figure it out on your own. What did you do?
2. Read John 14: 15-17; 25-26. John 15:26. John 16:7-8; 13-14. Shawn talked about 5 things from these passages that the Holy Spirit does: Discuss each one.
 - a. **He knows us.** Do you consider the Holy Spirit a power or a person? Why is this an important distinction?
 - b. **He convicts us.** Describe a time when you felt convicted of sin. What did you do? Now describe a time when you felt convicted by God to do something for someone? Did you follow through? What happened?
 - c. **He guides us.** Describe a time in your life when the Holy Spirit guided you. Did you find it difficult to trust Him?
 - d. **He teaches us.** How have you experienced this work of the Holy Spirit in your life?
 - e. **He glorifies Jesus.** Why do we need the Spirit to shine a spotlight on Jesus?
3. Given the Spirit's work and the fact that He dwells within us, why do you think so many believers stay stuck and/or struggle in their spiritual journey? How can we live with a greater awareness of the Spirit's presence in our lives?