



Journey Group Lesson for “The Story of The Holy Spirit” – March 14, 2010

Getting Started (Everyone Answer)

Think about a time when you had to say goodbye to a friend or family member (maybe someone was moving to another town, perhaps someone was dying, etc). If you can remember such a time, take a few minutes to share what that was like.

Do you think it is usually harder for the one leaving or for those staying behind? Why?

Digging Deeper

Read John 16:5-16

What do you think it was like for the disciples to realize that Jesus would be leaving them? How do you think they felt?

What important truth were the disciples missing (or not understanding) with Jesus’ departure (vs. 7)? Why do you think they did not grasp this?

Have you ever thought maybe the Christian life would be easier to live if Jesus was right beside you in skin and bones? What does Jesus say about this in verse 7? How is it better that Jesus went “away”?

In verses 8-11, Jesus says there are three goals of the Spirit’s work. How would you put these three into everyday, normal language? What are some other roles of the Holy Spirit (**read John 14:16-17, 26-27; 16:7-11, 13-15**)?

Read Galatians 5:16-26. What does a life that is controlled by the Spirit look like? In what ways does your life resemble “the acts of the sinful nature”? In what ways is your life demonstrating “the fruit of the Spirit”?

Bringing It Home

Wouldn’t it be easier to live a pure life if you were with Jesus? Jesus says, if you have the Holy Spirit, you have an advantage over those who walked side by side with Jesus. God lives in you through the Person of the Holy Spirit. He changes you, empowers you, and is a guarantee that you belong to God. Is your life “in step with the Spirit”? Why or why not? What are some things you could do this week to surrender more of your life to the Holy Spirit?

Homework - Read Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-36 before Sunday March 14th. (*Mention the “Digging Deeper” worksheet*).

This week’s memory verse - Galatians 5:25

How can others in the group pray for you?