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What Is the Work of the Holy Spirit?

Why do some lead a Spirit-less life?

- Some **aren't aware** of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 19:1-3)
- Some **resist** the Holy Spirit. (Acts 7:51)

The Holy Spirit will:

- **Comfort** you. (John 14:6)
- **Counsel** you. (John 16:13; Isaiah 30:21)
- **Convict** you. (John 16:8)

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HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Jesus, the Bible, and the Church teach that the work of the Holy Spirit is multi-faceted (Counselor, Teacher, Consoler, Comforter, Intercessor, Advocate, Helper). In what ways have you personally experienced these workings of the Holy Spirit in your life? Can you give examples?
2. In John 16:7, Jesus said, "It is best for you that I go away... If I do go away, he (Holy Spirit) will come..." How does this make you feel? Would you prefer to be in the physical presence of Jesus without the Holy Spirit or as you are now? Please explain your answer. Why do you think Jesus would say it is better for us without his physical presence?
3. Pastor Bill referenced a text (Acts 7:51), expressing that some people resist the Holy Spirit. Why do you think people would resist the Holy Spirit, especially in light of the good works the Holy Spirit does with/for us? Have you resisted the Holy Spirit? What does resisting the Holy Spirit look like?
4. We heard three primary works of the Holy Spirit in our teaching; He comforts, He counsels, and He convicts. Can you provide any real-life experiences where you have witnessed the Holy Spirit working in this capacity in your life?
5. Regarding the primary works of the Holy Spirit, how do you know the thoughts or ideas you have are from the Holy Spirit? How do you differentiate between the Spirit of God, your personal conscience, or the devil masquerading as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14)?
6. If you are lacking or have not experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, would you reach out to one of the spiritual leaders in your life (pastor, teacher, HomeGroup members) and ask for their counsel? Feel free to use your "staying connected" card or email to connect with a staff pastor.