

Discussion Questions

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God with Us: Our Lives Empowered by His Presence



1. Read John 14:16
 - A. What is the significance of Jesus referring to the Holy Spirit as "Another" Advocate?

2. Read John 14:23
 - A. What does it mean that the Father & the Son make their home with believers through the Holy Spirit?

 - B. What specific implications does this have for believers today?

3. Read John 14:1 & 14:27
 - A. What areas is your heart "troubled" at the moment? (If in a group, only share what you are comfortable sharing)

 - B. How can Jesus' response to the Disciples in this chapter practically enable you to not allow fear or anxiety to overwhelm you, but trust Him with these things?

4. Read John 14:16-27
 - A. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do? List them out. (You can use the sermon slide notes online to fill in any gaps after you finish)

 - B. Which of these are the most significant for you right now and why?

 - C. Which, if any, of these roles of the Holy Spirit have you disregarded or not given much consideration to? Why do you think that is?

5. Many Christians are functional Binitarians, meaning they believe in the Father and the Son, but they really don't give any thought to the person of the Holy Spirit. Does it matter? What practical differences does it make in the life of a believer to engage with and walk in active awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit with us today?



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If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live.

John 14:15-19

Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.

John 14:1

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:2-3

Allos - another of the same kind

Heteros - another of a different kind

You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) And Christ lives within you...

Romans 8:9

Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.

John 14:23

monē - to abide with, to dwell

Specific Things Jesus says the Holy Spirit will do in John 14

- Will come alongside them. An advocate. 14:16
- Jesus and the Father will dwell within them through the Holy Spirit. 14:23
- Will enable believers to do miraculous works like Jesus 14:12
- Is the Spirit of Truth 14:17
- Will bring comfort when alone or in pain 14:18
- Will teach them "all things" 14:26
- Will remind them of all Jesus did and said 14:26
- Will bring God's peace 14:27

I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

John 14: 12

The Christian experience of the Holy Spirit cannot be viewed apart from an experience of Jesus... To experience the Spirit is to experience Jesus."

Dr Gary Burge - NIV Application Commentary

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

John 14:27

We have the same power that Jesus exercised—in a sense, in an even greater way, through the Holy Spirit. What could bring more security in this world than a deepening realization of the fact that the Holy Spirit is indwelling us, not just working alongside us....

What is our Comforter like? He is just like Jesus. He comes alongside us, encourages us, exhorts us. He picks us up, dusts us off, and gets us going again. So it makes perfect sense for our Lord Jesus to say in verse 27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." The same peace the Lord Jesus had is our peace. That is the remedy for troubled hearts."

Dr Kent Hughes - John: That You May Believe

For those who are self-identified, born-again Christians "62% contend that the Holy Spirit is not a real, living being but is merely a symbol of God's power, presence, or purity."

American Worldview Inventory 2021

Dr George Barna

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matt 28:19-20