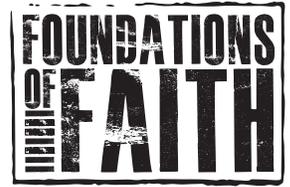


Lesson #6: The Holy Spirit



Who is the Holy Spirit?

Tell Story of Jesus, Nicodemus and his disciples

What do these stories from the Bible teach us about the Holy Spirit? _____

You are not alone. Jesus promised us before He left that He would always be with us (Matthew 28:20). So if Jesus has ascended into heaven and has not returned yet how can God always be with us? The Holy Spirit is God (2 Corinthians 3:17). Jesus is God in the form of a man. He can only be one place at a time. Right now He is in heaven. But God is always with us by His Spirit. When we feel God's presence or hear God's voice - that is the Holy Spirit!

Have you ever experienced the presence of God? When? _____



Sealing of the Holy Spirit

Read Ephesians 1:13-14. What happened when you first believed the gospel? _____

When you received Jesus into your life the Holy Spirit came to live in you. The Holy Spirit dwells in and with every believer. The Holy Spirit is like a seal on our lives securing us for God and our inheritance in heaven. The Holy Spirit is always with us working in our lives.



What does the Holy Spirit do?

Read these verses and describe the activity of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:7-15 _____

Romans 5:5 _____



Fruit of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit works in our lives to make us like Jesus. As you follow Christ, the sin that previously characterized your life will fade away and your life will begin to look more like His. God accepts us by grace not by good works. Yet when true salvation occurs, a change in our lives will be obvious. This lifelong process of becoming Christ-like involves every part of our lives. Christ-like characteristics are described in the Bible as good fruit.

Read Galatians 5:16-26. This passage describes the change that occurs in the life of someone who has been sealed with the Holy Spirit.

What are the fruit of the flesh (sinful nature)? _____

What are the fruit of the Spirit? _____

What ways do you want the Holy Spirit to make you more like Christ? _____

➔ Continue to hold each other accountable to practicing what we have learned in past weeks. This week, share areas where you are still living according to the flesh (lust, anger, laziness, fear, debauchery, etc). Start a process of accountability in order to walk in even more freedom.