



Holy Spirit: My Best Friend

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Acts 19:1-2

Question #1. _____ **He?**

1. He is a _____. (*John 14:17*)

2. He is not _____. (*John 16:7 NIV*)

3. He is _____. (*Acts 5:3-4; Matthew 28:19*)

4. He is ______. (*2 Corinthians 13:14 Message*)

Questions #2. _____ **He do?**

1. He will be _____. (*John 14:16*)

2. He will _____ **to me.** (*John 14:26*)

3. He will help me _____ **with** _____.
(*John 15:26; Acts 1:8*)

4. He will _____ **me of** _____. (*John 16:8*)

5. He will guide me ______. (*John 16:13; Isaiah 30:21*)

Ephesians 1:19-20 NLT

Midweek Small Group Discussion:

John 14:15-31

What was the best counsel you ever received, and who gave it to you?

Read John 14:15-31.

This passage talks a lot about the Holy Spirit, but woven together with teachings on love. Re-read Jesus' words about love and obedience in verses 15, 21 and 23-24. Why is it easier to obey someone you love? How does a lack of love make it harder to obey? What can you do to foster a greater and greater love of God?

If someone asked you, "Who (or what) is the Holy Spirit?" what would you tell them?

Scan over today's passage. List the roles and actions of the Holy Spirit.

From this section of verses in John 14, what does it teach us about how one obtains the Holy Spirit?

In an average day, how aware are you of the presence of the Holy Spirit in and around you? (Answer this using 1-10 scale. 1="The Holy what???" And 10="I can't take a breath without acknowledging the Spirit's presence.")

What practical methods could you employ to increase your awareness of – and response to – the Holy Spirit?

Can you sense in the passage you read that the disciples were concerned about being alone? How did Jesus comfort them and respond to their concerns about loneliness and abandonment?

When you need to remember something, what things do you do so you don't forget? Set an alarm on your phone? Put in on your calendar? Read verse 26. How will the Holy Spirit remind you of important truth? What part do you play in that? What is the potential danger/harm if you forget truth about God and truth about how God sees you?

Jesus' resurrection and ascension marked a change in the way his disciples would relate to him: No longer would they see God in a visible form; now they would have to learn to commune with God by way of the unseen Holy Spirit. Since you first began following Jesus, have you had to learn any new ways of relating to him? If so, describe that. What challenges – and benefits – are there to having the Holy Spirit present in us rather than encountering a flesh and blood Jesus ?

Conclude your group time in guided silence. Take a minute to quietly thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit's presence. Acknowledge any specific ways the Spirit has recently ministered to you. Ask God to increase your day-to-day awareness of God's presence in your life.