



## The Holy Spirit And Us – Week 3

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### Overview

In the third message of the series entitled, *Entheos: God's Spirit, Your Life*, we will look at the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer.

#### Discussion Questions

##### The Holy Spirit in the Life of People

We will look at how the Holy Spirit relates to us represented by Greek prepositions in the Word: 'para' meaning 'with' and 'en' meaning 'in'.

1. 'Para' – With.

In **John 14:16-17**, Jesus told the Disciples: **“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells *with* you and will be *in* you.”**

'With you' speaks of the 'para' relationship. The Scripture teaches the Holy Spirit is dwelling with all people prior to conversion. He is the One convicting them of their sin and convincing them Jesus Christ is the only answer.

In **John 16:8** Jesus says of the Holy Spirit: **“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”** Jesus spoke about the coming of the Holy Spirit and His role. The Holy Spirit is constantly testifying of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come.

Jesus says the Holy Spirit will convict the world in **John 16:9**, **“...of sin, because they do not believe in Me.”** When someone gives into the conviction of the Holy Spirit and invites Jesus in their heart, we believe they receive the Holy Spirit. He stays alongside us throughout our lives to bring us to Christ, and when we accept Jesus as our Lord, He then begins to dwell *in* us.

- Have you experienced the Holy Spirit's conviction before you became a Christian?
- How has your life changed after receiving the Holy Spirit?

2. 'En' – In.

When we receive Christ, the Holy Spirit begins to live *in* us. In **1 Corinthians 6:19**, Paul says, **“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”**

God sends His Spirit to dwell within us so we have power to grow, to win, to overcome, and to assure who we are in Christ. Jesus says in **John 14:16-17**: **“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”**

- When facing trials, how is it comforting to know we have a Helper among us?

## Three Ways the Holy Spirit Works in Our Lives

1. The Holy Spirit leads us into truth.

**“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (John 14:26)**

Jesus first teaches us, then promises the Holy Spirit will bring to our remembrance verses and passages from the Word in the moment we need. We see this in **John 12:16**: **“His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.”**

- Share an experience when the Holy Spirit has brought you to remembrance.

2. The Holy Spirit helps us in prayer.

**“...For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27)**

If we look to the leading of the Holy Spirit, He will give us thoughts and words to pray. The Holy Spirit was given to us by the Father to supernaturally connect us to Him and infuse our prayer times with power and life.

- Has there ever been a struggle in your life where you were unsure of how to pray for your situation?

3. The Holy Spirit helps us to become more like Jesus.

**“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.” (Romans 8:29)**

After we accept Jesus in our hearts, God allows us to stay on Earth to fulfill our purpose and to be conformed to the image of Christ. The Holy Spirit's role is to help us grow in the character of Jesus.

- In what ways have you seen yourself grow in the character of Jesus after entering into a relationship with Him?

## Life Challenge

When you honor the Holy Spirit who lives in you, fruit will begin sprouting out of your life.

**Galatians 5:22-23** says, **“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”** When faced with a difficult situation, choose to live out each of these gifts that the Holy Spirit has given you.

## Prayer

*Thank You, God, for sending the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us. Help us to live out the gifts You have given us and continue to show us how we can become more like Jesus. Amen.*

Pray for the specific needs of the group.