

# Spirit-led: Week 3- Led by the Spirit

## ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Are you someone who plans an entire itinerary for a trip or are you more spontaneous?
2. Which event invitation led to your favourite experience?

## WORD

### **John 16:12-15 (NIV)**

*12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."*

It is important to note that Jesus' words here apply first to the apostles. They were the ones whom the Spirit would guide in all the truth and bring to their remembrance all that Jesus had said (*John 14:26*). We have the Spirit inspired teaching through the apostles in the New Testament. But in a secondary sense, our Lord words here apply to us, in that the Holy Spirit opens up the truths of the Bible to us as we diligently study it in dependence on Him. (*I Corinthians 2:9-13*)

The Holy Spirit is our Helper who leads us into all truth—into the truths of the Scriptures—in any time or circumstance.

## DISCUSSION

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit leads us into all truth?

# WORD

“All the truth” does not mean all the truth about science or math or world history. It refers to all spiritual truths that the apostles and the church needs for growth to godliness. The point in our text is that the Lord doesn't dump the whole thing on us at once. As a loving Father, He knows how much His children can bear and so he patiently teaches us what we need for the stage of growth that we are in.

## THREE IMPORTANT POINTS WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

***\*He guides you into all the truth. John 16:13 (NIV)***

Guide is a process, a never ending process to grasp the unfathomable riches of Christ (Ephesians 3:8) The Holy Spirit is a divine guide who takes us from one thing to another, revealing the riches of Christ to our soul. That's why reading the Bible is not a one time deal. As we read the Bible, we see something we'd never seen before even though we read that passage before. He guides us in the truth as we study the Word of truth. He knows what we need to know and when we need to know. His aim is to make us holy in thought, word and deed.

***\*He speak all the truth. John 16:13 (NIV)***

He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. The Holy Spirit will disclose to you what is to come. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Holy Trinity and He is fully God in every way . He testifies about Christ. He will speak the truth and is expressed by words and sentence that can be understood.

***\*He reveals all the truth. John 16:14-15 (NIV).***

The Holy Spirit reveals the unfathomable or boundless riches of Christ to our soul and not by natural insight.

The truth will release us, makes us free. Free from what? From the current state of slavery from which we needed to be freed. The statement “the truth will set you free “ mean we will be freed from our sense ***philosophically*** (the way we reason), ***intellectually*** (the way we think) or even ***politically*** (our belief or point of view). If we continue to follow his teaching by the

guidance of the Holy Spirit we are, you are really his disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

## **DISCUSSION**

How does the role of the Holy Spirit help us when we are trying to discern God's leading?

## **LIFE APPLICATION**

Let us apply God's teaching to our walk with God. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in all spiritual truth which is the Word of God. Let us grow to understand more deeply the truths of Scripture, centered in Christ and the gospel. Let us be led as we become familiar with His voice and as He speaks to us and reveal to us the boundless riches of Christ to our soul.

## **DISCUSSION**

Tell a story about a time when you learned something about someone or about yourself. What was this revelation like for you? How might that analogy help us understand the work of the Spirit when we read Scriptures?

## **VERSE TO MEDITATE ON**

*Romans 8:14 (NIV)*

*For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

## **PRAYER**

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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