



LESSON FIVE:

# THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## TO BEGIN

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What is one of your skills, hobbies, or passions that few may know about? How did you become interested in it and how hard have you worked at it?

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## DISCUSSION PROMPTS

1. The Spirit is called the Advocate (some translations use the words Helper and Paraclete). How is the Spirit an advocate for Christians?

2. Read John 14:15-17; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. How does the Spirit dwell within believers? What does that mean for believers?

3. How does Genesis 1:1-2 show the Spirit to be active and an agent of order?

4. The Spirit works in the life of the believer to help the believer produce the fruits listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Which of these fruits have you worked hard to develop? Which of these fruits are more difficult for you to develop?

5. According to John 16:8-11, how does the Spirit prove the world to be wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgement?

6. Read John 14:17; 16:13; Romans 8:27 and 1 Corinthians 2:14-15. Jesus says the Spirit of Truth will guide us in all truth (John 14:17; 16:13). How does the Spirit guide us in truth? What does it mean for the Spirit to speak what He hears? How does the Spirit help us understand scripture?

## PERSONAL REFLECTION AND DEEPER STUDY

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Read John 16:4-15 every day for the next 7 days.

Memorize John 16:13-15.

Read the following passages: John 14:17; 16:13; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:5-6, 10-15, 26-27; 15:13; 2 Corinthians 2:3:17; Ephesians 1:13-14. According to these passages, what does the Holy Spirit do in a believer's life? Make a list and investigate other verses that describe the Spirit's work.

Read John 16:4-15 and follow the prompts below:

- What does this passage say about God?
- What sins and mistakes does the passage warn you to avoid?
- What promises does God make in the passage?
- According to the passage, what attitudes should you have?
- How were you challenged by this passage?
- How might this passage inspire you to set a better example for others?
- Summarize this passage in one sentence.