

MAIN POINT

The Holy Spirit is working in the life of every follower of Jesus to bring glory to God.

INTRODUCTION

Share about a time when you felt inadequate or ill equipped for a task.

Why do we sometimes feel inadequate to serve the Lord? How can we overcome such feelings of inadequacy?

The Holy Spirit, like Jesus, is co-equal and co-eternal with God and yet, distinct from the other two persons of the Trinity in His work. Though we often feel inadequate to be used by God for His kingdom, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to indwell believers for the express purpose of empowering us to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8). Today we will see how, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can find confidence to be used by God for His kingdom and glory.

DISCUSSION

> READ JOHN 14:15-26 AND 16:4-15.

Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do (see John 14:26, 15:26, and 16:10)?

What comes to mind when you think of the Holy Spirit?

When Jesus told the disciples that He would send “another,” He used the word that meant another of the same kind. The counselor will be like Jesus Himself. In what specific ways is the Holy Spirit like Jesus?

How is the Holy Spirit our “helper” (14:16)? In what ways does the spirit help us in our walk with Christ?

What words or phrases from 14:19-21 offer confidence to children of God?

As children of God, we have not only a relationship with God but also a responsibility to Him. What responsibility does Jesus mention specifically in 14:21?

Why is it important that we ask the Spirit for wisdom and guidance as we study God’s Word (v. 26)?

In John 16, why did Jesus want His disciples to know why He was leaving?

How do you think they felt knowing their teacher and guide was leaving them? How would they function without their guide?

How have you experienced the Holy Spirit convicting you of sin?

How might knowing we have the Holy Spirit give us confidence as we face temptation?

APPLICATION

How might reminding yourself that the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, change the way you approach your walk with Christ this week?