

The Helper

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the **unseen world**. - *Ephesians 6:12 NLT*

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Helper** to be with you forever—the **Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for **he lives with you and will be in you**.” - *John 14:16-17 NIV/NKJV*

“But I tell you the truth, it is **to your advantage** that I go away; for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you; but if I go, **I will send Him to you**.” - *John 16:7 NASB*

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES YOU THE POWER...

1. To Receive _____ !

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is **born of water and the Spirit**. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but **the Spirit gives birth to spirit**.” - *John 3:5-6 NIV*

Peter replied, “**Repent** and **be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit**. The promise is for you.”
- *Acts 2:38-39 NIV*

Just as **you were called** to **one hope** when you were called; **one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God** and Father of all, who is over all and through all and **in all**.
- *Ephesians 4:4-6 NIV*

2. To _____ In God’s _____ !

What **we have received** is not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God**, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.... The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but **considers them foolishness**, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. - *1 Corinthians 2:12,14 NIV*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **Seek his will** in all you do, and he will **show you which path to take**.” - *Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT*

3. To _____ Christ _____ !

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the **Spirit’s power**, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on **God’s power**. - *1 Corinthians 2:4-5 NIV*

Always **be prepared** to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.
- *1 Peter 3:15 NIV*

4. To _____ A _____ Life!

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are **controlled by the Holy Spirit** think about things that please the Spirit. - *Romans 8:5 NIV*

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have **died to sin**; how can we live in it any longer? Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **live a new life**.
- *Romans 6:1-4 NIV*

5. To Make A _____ In The _____ !

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared **in advance** for us to do. - **Ephesians 2:10 NIV**

A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of **helping the entire church**. - **1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT**

A DO & DON'T

A. Don't _____ The Holy Spirit!

Do not quench the Spirit. - **1 Thessalonians 5:19 NIV**

Do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. - **Ephesians 4:30 NIV**

B. Do Be _____ With The Holy Spirit!

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit**. - **Ephesians 5:18 NIV**

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- The Trinity is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. What (if any) ideas did you have growing up about the Holy Spirit?
- Read Ephesians 4:30-32. Describe a time you believe you resisted or grieved the Holy Spirit?
- Read Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Cor. 12:27-31. The Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts to minister. Describe two of your spiritual gifts. How are you using them to make a difference? (If you are not using them, how could you?)
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week to become more in tune with the Spirit?