

Ghost - Better

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Series Big Idea: There is an unseen power available to every believer. That power transforms us on the inside and empowers us to the very things God wills of us. But this power is not an “it”, but a person. It is the third person of our one God. Old English translations called him the Holy Ghost. Today we refer to him as the Holy Spirit. When Jesus returned to his Father, he sent us the Spirit because he knew that would be so much better for us. The Holy Spirit comes alongside us to make us stronger so we can do greater things than we could on our own. The Spirit is God who came to live inside to guide, protect, convict, coach, instruct, counsel and empower us. This is a “ghost” we do not fear but depend on to love God and serve others well.

Message Big Idea: Jesus made an astounding statement and promise. He said that when he physically departed to return to his Father that he would send someone who would make his departure better. How could that be? What could be better for us than having Jesus beside us? How about Jesus in us! Jesus sent back the Holy Spirit, God in us, which is so much better than God beside us. God in us teaches us, guides us, convicts us, assures us and transforms us - from the inside out.

Main Idea: The Spirit inside of you is better than Jesus beside us.

Main Text: John 16:1-7

Supporting texts: John 15:26-27; John 16:12-13, Matthew 1:20, Matthew 4:1,

Reflection/Discussion Questions:

1. If you are willing to share a story that you've tried to make a decision on your own and it completely failed.
2. The main point of today's message is that the Holy Spirit inside of you is better than Jesus beside you. Take some time and discuss why this was important for the early disciples (followers of Jesus) and also why it is just as important for us today.
3. In the message, there were many attributes such as confidence, comfort, help, guidance, peace, and truth that the Holy Spirit produces within our lives. Do you have a story that you can say, “I saw the Holy Spirit active in my own walk during this situation?”
4. What are some next steps that you can take to acknowledge the working of the Holy Spirit in your life more frequently? As Josh said last week, we often pray to God the Father, Jesus the Son, but praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit is sometimes something we miss out on. What are some ways we can be more deliberate in seeking the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives?