

# G H O S T

## Literacy Check

- **Romans 7:14-20** - Prayers and Gifts

## Let's Break the Ice

If you had one free hour each day, how would you use it?

## Introduction

We can't just decide to change. The effects don't last or we can't even get started. But there is a "better" ready to be had. God's best is in store for your life, just let Holy Spirit in to do His work.

## A Good Idea

Think of some New Year's resolutions, ToDo list items, or other internal changes you have desired to make and have them ready to help conversation along. Especially ones you failed at or were discouraged because they were too hard.

## Things to Ponder

Coming to a common root question, week 3 focused on the indwelling of God in us and the need we have for that presence. Does your group agree or disagree with the notion that lasting, better life change can't be had without Jesus? Why or why not? What defines a "better" person? Who does your group believe was the best "human" ever and do they want to be like him/her?

It's completely okay if the answers aren't Jesus or if they disagree with the premise. Paul in Romans believes it is true, but without discussion and challenge, sometimes we can't grow. It was through challenge and discourse that Paul learned what he wrote in his epistles. God is not afraid of questions and he often works through processes. Encourage people to be honest and open.

If your group has no problem with the premise and discussion is stalling, ask follow ups related to Holy Spirit's changing of their lives. If you could let Holy Spirit change one thing instantly about yourself, what would it be? How would people react? As the group leader, you don't need to necessarily answer questions, but you do need to foster discussion and a safe environment to share.

## Wrapping Up

Next week, Josh Boyer will be taking us on the next step. We've learned that the spiritual side of life is very real and has significant influence in our lives. We've learned parts or pieces of God's character through the names of Holy Spirit. We understand He desires to have lasting impact by changing us from the inside out. Get ready for week 4 by praying for people to be receptive to Holy Spirit as He moves to change those around us too!