



BETTER THIS WAY, PART ONE: THE GOD I NEVER KNEW

The night before Jesus was killed, Jesus told His disciples that He was leaving. At that moment, the disciples weren't sure what to think. They couldn't think of anything better than spending time with Jesus. Jesus knew as long as He was living on the earth, everyone would look to Him to do the work of God. But when He was gone, the disciples would realize that they had the same power to do God's work through the Holy Spirit.

BIG IDEA: The Holy Spirit inside you is better than Jesus beside you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Doing things on your own can be incredibly difficult. What's the hardest thing you've ever tried to do on your own? On the other hand, can you remember a time when you felt confident because someone was with you?
2. The Holy Spirit is a mystery for most people. For example, complete this statement: God is the "judging" one; Jesus is the "loving" one; the Holy Ghost is the " _____ " one.
3. *With your Bible or Bible App, [read John 14:1-17, 26-27.](#)*

¹ "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me." ² There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴ "And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ¹² "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father." ¹⁵ "If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. ²⁶ But when the Father sends the Helper as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. ²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. [John 14:1-5, 12, 15-17, 26-27 \(NLT\)](#)

4. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit in verses 16-17 and 26-27? What is the relationship of the Father, Jesus, and the Spirit to the Christian? To each other?
5. What does it mean that Jesus would leave his "peace" with you? What is the difference between how Jesus gives peace and how the world does?
6. On a scale from 1 (smooth sailing) to 10 (furious storm), what is your "peace" quotient now? Why? Where do you need Jesus' peace?
7. *With your Bible or Bible App, [read John 16:7.](#)*

But I am telling you the truth: It is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I do go away, then I will send him to you. [John 16:7 \(TEV\)](#)

8. How might it be better that the Holy Spirit would be with the disciples rather than Jesus being with them?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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