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Frustrated as you try to live out the Christian life? Maybe you've tried only to find that you keep falling for the same temptations over and over again. You really do want to live it out your faith, but try as you do, you find yourself unable at times. In this session we'll discuss how the Holy Spirit helps us live out our Christian faith in a surprising way—by living the Christian life *through* us.



BIG IDEA: Be in the Word so that the Spirit can work in your life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you had to go away for a long time, what would you leave your best friend to remember you by?
2. Who would you go to for counsel if you were facing a critical decision that would affect the rest of your life?
3. *Read John 14:26.* Have you ever had someone act as a counselor or advocate on your behalf? How did this person help you navigate through the situation you found yourself in?
4. *Read John 14:16-17.*
5. *Read John 16:7.* Why would Jesus state that his going away would be good? How could the presence of the Spirit in them be better than the presence of Jesus with them?
6. Break the group up and have people read these scriptures and talk about what the Holy Spirit does:
 - John 16:13-14, John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 2:9-12
 - Ephesians 1:13-14, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
 - Romans 8:26-27
 - 2 Peter 1:21, 2 Timothy 3:16
 - Acts 1:8, 4:8, 31, Mark 13:11
 - Galatians 5:16-18, 22-25
7. *Read Acts 2:38-41.* When does a person receive the Holy Spirit?
8. *Read Galatians 5:16-17.* How have you experienced the conflict of the Spirit and your sinful nature?
9. *Read Galatians 5:18.* How have you felt the Spirit lead you? What difference does it make when you follow the Spirit instead of trying to follow laws?
10. *Read Galatians 5:22-23.* How would your life be different if you followed the lead of the Spirit?
11. *Read Galatians 5:24-25.* How can you keep in step with the Spirit this week?

THINK ABOUT IT

To begin keeping in step with the Spirit you need to begin to believe that the Holy Spirit of God dwells in you and that He can lead you to a lifestyle characterized by Galatians 5:22- 23. That's different than knowing you ought to be more patient and hoping you can become more patient. That's different than praying for more self-control and more kindness. It is believing that HE can LEAD you there. Do you believe this to be true?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

The next step is to recognize His promptings and then to respond by following where He leads you. How will you be more sensitive to the promptings of the Spirit? How will you submit to His leading?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“But now I am going away, and not one of you is asking where I am going. But it is actually best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Helper won't come. If I do go away, he will come because I will send him to you. John 16:5a, 7