

Sermon Study Guide 7/12/20

Stuff Christians Believe (Season 2) | "We Believe in the Holy Spirit" | John 16:1-15

These questions were written for discussion with a few others around a kitchen table. Keeping the group small will encourage vulnerability and honest self-evaluation; 3-4 is ideal. Life Group leaders are encouraged to organize their Life Groups into smaller "table groups" of 3-4 (or perhaps three couples) to discuss the questions, and then share a few thoughts and prayer with the larger Life Group.

Families may also choose to use this as a family discussion guide around their kitchen tables. If you are using this study guide alone, we encourage you to journal your responses and consider discussing them with a close friend in Christ.

1. Article 6 of LakeView's Statement of Faith says: "We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that he does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service."
 - a. In what ways does your personal experience with the Holy Spirit reflect this statement?
 - b. Are you able to affirm your commitment to the truth of this statement? If not, what points are you hesitant to accept? Why?
2. "The Spirit makes Jesus present everywhere through us." In what areas of your life do you most often see God's presence? What are some areas in your life where God doesn't seem to be very present? Stop and pray that God will make Jesus present through you in those areas of life.
3. "The Spirit glorifies Jesus through us." How has God changed you? How has God gifted you to serve others? How has God empowered you to share Jesus with others? For additional study on these questions, reflect on Galatians 5:22-24; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; and Acts 1:8.
4. Is God your "magnificent obsession"? What are some things that compete with God for your attention and affection?