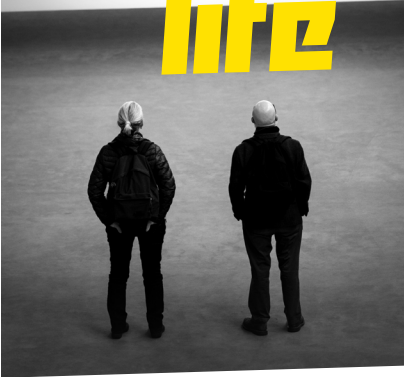


my new life

SESSION 1



yes / no

1. I know less about the Holy Spirit than I know about Jesus.
2. Growing up, I was taught that the Holy Spirit is my conscience's voice.
3. My busy schedule is the greatest enemy of my personal spiritual growth.
4. The Holy Spirit knows everything in God the Father's mind.
5. Just like Jesus, the Holy Spirit's role is to gather and train disciples.

dig deep

REAL WORLD QUESTION: If Jesus came to Earth for the first time today, instead of coming when he did, what are some of the realities of life that you would face as you contemplate whether or not to accept his invitation to follow him?

READ: John 14:16, 17 (NIV)

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

¶ Verse 16 uses the word "another." What might that word mean, and how might it be quite significant to us today?

- What do you think Jesus meant by "advocate" (paraklêton)?
- ‡ What have you been taught? Is this a Helper, Comforter, Counselor, Communicator, Attorney, or something else altogether?

† If Jesus also considered himself to be a paraclete, what do you think he was offering to all his disciples until the end of time?

READ: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

10 These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

notes

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¶ Jesus told his disciples that *"it is to your advantage that I go away"* (Jn. 16:7 NRSV). What upgrades to the discipleship experience can we find in 1 Cor. 2:10, 11?

→ What do you think is meant by *"the deep things of God"*?

‡ What does it say about the Holy Spirit that He can read God's mind?

† How does God the Spirit share God's thoughts with us?

¶ Paul talks about *"explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words."* What do you think he is talking about?

→ What does it mean to have *"the mind of Christ"*?

this week's conversation with God

1. What is keeping me from a full apprenticeship with God the Holy Spirit?
2. How can I become more passionate about developing the mind of Christ?
3. What new beautiful element of God's character do I see now?

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