



Life Group Discussion Guide
“The Coming of the Holy Spirit” – John 16:4-33
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Main thought:

The coming of the Holy Spirit brings hope for the world and is a guide for the Church.

Notes:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

1. He is a person, not a presence.
2. He is truly God, not training to be God.
3. He is a guide, not a gallon.

Ice-Breaker

- Can anyone share a way you see God working that we can celebrate together?

Digging In

Read John 16:4-11, and discuss the following questions.

- What did Jesus tell the disciples before John 16:4? How does this tie into what Jesus tells them in the rest of chapter 16?
- Why is it for our benefit that Jesus goes away and that the Holy Spirit comes? (v. 7)
- In John 16:8-11, Jesus speaks about the Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. How do you understand these concepts in today's context?

Read John 16:12-18, and discuss the following questions.

- Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as a guide. How have you experienced the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Read John 16:19-33, and discuss the following questions.

- Reflecting on John 16:21-22, Jesus compares the pain of childbirth to the joy of seeing a baby born. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit turning moments of pain into joy in your life?
- In verse 33, Jesus tells his disciples to take heart because he has overcome the world. How can we practically apply this encouragement to our daily lives and struggles?

Application

- What else stood out to you that you can you apply from the passage this week?

Pray as a group (Break into separate groups/rooms for men and women to pray together)

- How can we be praying for each other this week?