

May 30 The promise of the Spirit (2) John 14. 15-27 Life Group questions
Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit See also John 15. 26-27, 16. 5-16

1 Jesus describes the promised Holy Spirit as ‘another counsellor’. Why ‘another’? See 14. 25-26, 15. 26-27, 16.7, 12-15.

2 Other translations of the word ‘paraclete’, besides ‘counsellor’, are ‘advocate’ and ‘comforter’. Explore how each of these helps you understand more of the Spirit’s work. See also Romans 8. 26-27.

3 List the attributes of the Spirit which Jesus gives in these verses from John 14, 15 and 16. In what ways does he say the Spirit will (a) help his followers (see also Romans 8.16) (b) affect unbelievers (see also Acts 2. 37-39)?

4 Share experiences of the Holy Spirit’s work in your life and pray for one another. How can we individually and as a church grow in/through the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

5 We don’t worship the Holy Spirit! Look at John 16.14. ‘He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.’ How might opening ourselves to receive more of the Holy Spirit help us grow in our worship and love of Jesus. Has this been your experience?

You might like to use one of these songs, to lead you into prayer: Deliverer come set me free

<https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/deliverer-vicky-beeching/>

Consuming fire <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQxaoimlwTA>

For further study: Names of the Holy Spirit in the Bible

1. Breath of the Almighty Job 33:4; Genesis 1:2, Isaiah 61:1, 1 Corinthians 2:11; God Acts 5:3-4,9; Power of the Highest Luke 1:35; Spirit of the Living God 2 Corinthians 3:3; Spirit of the Father Matthew 10:20

2. Advocate, Counsellor & Comforter John 14:16,26; 15:26 and Romans 8:26

3. Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, power Isaiah 11:2; Wisdom and revelation Ephesians 1.17-19

4. Eternal Spirit Hebrews 9:14; Free Spirit Psalm 51:12; Good Spirit Nehemiah 9:20; Psalm 143:10

5. Holy Spirit Psalm 51:11, Luke 11:13, Ephesians 1:13, 4:30

6. Lord 2 Corinthians 3:16-17; Spirit of Christ (Jesus Christ) Romans 8:9, 1 Peter 1:11; . Spirit of the Son Galatians 4:6

7. Spirit of Life Romans 8.2; Adoption Romans 8:15

8. Spirit of Judgment and Justice Isaiah 4:4, 28:6, 61. 1-2

9. Spirit of Grace Zechariah 12:10, Hebrews 10:29

10. Spirit of Prophecy 2 Peter 1. 19-21 Revelation 19:10