



Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Have you ever received a great gift but waited a long time before using it, if at all? Share about it!

Talk About it!

1. Read **John 16:5-6**

- a. How can disappointment keep someone from seeing/receiving something good? Does disappointment always cause that to happen? Explain your thoughts.

2. Read **John 16:7-15**

- a. Out of all the benefits Jesus mentions of the Holy Spirit coming, what makes you most excited? What is the most tangible for you in your personal life? What do you want to experience more of?

3. Read **John 16:7** in the Amplified translation

- a. How would you describe "close fellowship" with the Holy Spirit? What steps can you take to develop closer fellowship with the Holy Spirit?
- b. Which of the seven roles of the Holy Spirit listed in this translation stand out to you the most and why? (*Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby*)

4. Take a few moments for each person to pray privately on their own, "Holy Spirit, what role do you want to play in this season of my life?", and write down the response. Afterward, take time to hear from anyone who would like to share.

5. Is there a specific way that you feel like you need the Holy Spirit in your life right now? What's one way you can trust him to be that for you?



Scripture Reference

JOHN 15:5-6 NLT

5 "But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. 6 Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you.

JOHN 16:7-15 NLT

7 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. 9 The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. 10 Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. 11 Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

12 "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. 14 He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

LUKE 16:7 AMP

7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you].