

# Your Personal Guide in Life

## John 14:16-18

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

## John 16:13-15

## Romans 8:14-16

- ◆ Holy Spirit will guide you away from danger, defeat, etc., and will guide you into truth, victory and the Father's will for your life.
- ◆ We need to learn how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## How you can be led by the Holy Spirit

- ◆ Let the Word of God richly dwell in you— Colossians 3:12-17  
**All Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit**
  - *Acts 1:16*, "the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David"
  - *2 Timothy 3:16 (NASB)*, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;"
  - Holy Spirit will not direct you in violation of Scripture.
- ◆ Pray without ceasing  
**1 Thessalonians 5:16-22**  
**Philippians 4:6-8**
  - Not prone to emotional decisions
  - Keeps you spiritually alert
  - Keeps your heart pure
  - *Isaiah 55:12 (NASB)*, "For you will go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, and all the trees of the field will clap *their* hands."
- ◆ **Find your best place to hear from God.**
- ◆ Instantly obey the voice of your spirit.  
**Delayed obedience is disobedience.**  
**Start with little things**

# Discussion Guide

Primary Text: Romans 8: 14-16

The Holy Spirit and the task of the church march together hand in hand. We can't talk about them apart from one another. The point of the Spirit is to enable those who follow Jesus to take into all the world the news that he is Lord, that he has won the victory over the forces of evil, that a new world has opened up and that we are to help make it happen. The Holy Spirit is given, then, to enable God's people to be God's people. This has a surprising and dramatic effect. The Spirit is given so that we, ordinary mortals that we are, can ourselves be, in a measure, what Jesus himself was: part of God's future arriving in the present; a place where heaven and earth meet. The Spirit is given so that the church can share in the life and continuing work of Jesus himself, now that he has ascended to heaven. God has given his Spirit to his people so that we can be the first fruits of his new creation. And this does not happen without it happening to us at the very depths of our beings. Our hearts and lives are to be searched, swept, fired, brooded over by the wind, the fire, of the Holy Spirit. That is what it means to be the people in whom God's Spirit lives and works. That is what it means for the Holy Spirit to be present and active in the church.

## Question

What has the Holy Spirit given you the power to do that you could not do on your own?