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▲ **He is God**

- Father God plans—Son of God performs—Holy Spirit perfects (directs & empowers)
- Jesus revealed perfectly God to us, while also revealing perfectly how to live as a man.
    - He is the Son of God and the son of man.
    - As the son of man he was sought and performed his Father's will
        → **John 4:34**
        → **John 5:30**
    - He was directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit→ **Luke 4:1, 14**
    - If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit, then I need the Holy Spirit!
- Father, Son & Holy Spirit are totally dependent upon one another.
- If Jesus was filled with, led by and empowered by the Holy Spirit, then I need to be filled with, led by and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

▲ **Characteristics of the Holy Spirit**

- Eternal—**Hebrews 9:14**
- Omnipresent—**Psalm 139:7-10**
- All powerful—**Romans 8:8-11**
- All knowing—**John 16:13-15**

▲ **He is our Helper—John 14:16-18**

- Another—of equal quality
- Helper—Paracletos—called along one's side to aid
    - Comfort & Consolation
    - Encouragement & Exhortation
    - Counsel for the defense (Advocate); Advisor
    - Strengthen & Standby
    - Intercede—**Romans 8:26-27**

Ephesians 5:18-21

Discussion Guide

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Though no one had ever seen God, Jesus made Him known (John1: 18). Jesus was the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1: 15); the Word made flesh, who dwelled among us. What Jesus had begun, the Holy Spirit will continue. "The Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me" (John 15: 26). The first paraclete made God human; the second made Him spirit. Both came from the Father for this essential aspect of discipleship – to be with the disciples. And since the Holy Spirit could be with the disciples, inside the disciples, it was best that Jesus went away. For in this way Jesus comes to us again: through the person of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-18).

Questions:

Why do we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

What does it mean to be led by the Holy Spirit?

How is the Holy Spirit our helper?