

(John 14:16-17 ESV) “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

(John 14:25-26 ESV) “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

✓ The Holy Spirit comes after us to help _____ us.

✓ The Holy Spirit comes in us to help _____ us.

✓ The Holy Spirit comes upon us to help _____ us.

Discussion Questions

Starter Questions

If you could get rid of your biggest fear BUT you had to pass it on to your best friend, would you? What is it?

Group Discussion

After hearing the message what was new to you? What prompted you to re-examine an issue, attitude, or behavior? What inspired you to dig deeper into God's Word?

Jesus said it was actually better for Him to leave than stay. In what ways is it better? In what ways is it harder?

Read Galatians 5:16-26. Notice Paul gives a list of fruits of the flesh directly before the list of fruits of the Spirit. Which ones have you seen less of in your life in the last year? Are there any you want to continue to see less of in your life?

Looking at each fruit of the Spirit: in the last year, have you seen more or less of that fruit in your life? Which one will you continue to focus on?

Each of the fruits of the Spirit is also a reflection of God's character. Take a look at each of the fruits in the list above

and reflect on how you've seen God embody that fruit in His own character and actions. (i.e., When has He been patient with you? What does His gentleness look like? How does God show self-control?)

Pastor Landon said, "We are individually limited to which gifts of the Spirit we receive, but we can develop all of the fruit." Agree or disagree? What Scripture would you use to back up your position?

The mystery of the Trinity will always be an issue, but the ministry of the Trinity should be more clear. What are the different ministries of Father, Son, and Spirit based on what we've read in John thus far?

Digging Deeper

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 and Ephesians 4:15-16 and answer the following questions.

Highlight or underline the word "love" in these passages.

What correlation do you see between spiritual gifts and love?

Without love, what value do your spiritual gifts have?

What happens when everyone is using their gifts properly?

What is one way you'll focus on "fruits" or "gifts" this week?

Announcements

Answer key: save; sanctify; send

Our next **NEXT** is coming up in **soon**. If you want to know more about the church, or become a member, this is the event to come to! More details to follow.

There are still opportunities for you to invest in our **new building**. Please contact Pastor Landon for more details.

Thanks to everyone who helped the **Youth Group** raise enough money for camp! **May 5** is the "Pie in the Face" day!

Please refer to New Anthem Notes for information about a **Men's Retreat May 3-5**.

Mother's Day is May 12. There will be a special treat for all women 18 and over!

Serve Day is May 26. There will NOT be service, as we'll be serving the community!