

DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
PART 4 – NEVER ALONE: *Everyone Needs an Advocate*
John 14:16–18, 26–27, 15:26, 16:7–11

NOTES: The Holy Spirit — Our Advocate...

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study

For Starters: What do you understand about the person, presence, and power of the Holy Spirit? List and discuss your beliefs. Where and how were they shaped? Would you agree or disagree that the Holy Spirit is largely misunderstood or maligned today? Why is this so?

The Basics: Read John 14–16. What was significant about Jesus focusing on the Holy Spirit during his upper room discourse? What stands out to you about the Holy Spirit and why?

Quick-Fire Round

- Read John 6:63, 16:7–11 and Romans 8:11. What do you understand about *the value* of the Holy Spirit working in the world at large and in our lives today? What would you say to someone who said, “*I don’t need the Holy Spirit, just give me Jesus and the Bible*”?
- Read John 14:16–18, 26–27, 15:26, 16:7–11, and 1 John 2:1. Jesus said the Holy Spirit is our advocate. What is an advocate, and when has someone advocated for you?
- Read John 14:16–17, 26, 15:26–27, 16:7–11, John 3:5–8, and Romans 8:9–10. How does the Spirit advocate for both the Father and the Son? Can we know God or understand the cross and resurrection without the work of the Holy Spirit?
- Read 2 Corinthians 1:21–22, Ephesians 1:13–14, John 14:18, Romans 8:16–18, and Romans 15:13. What has the Spirit done in the life of every Christ-follower? According to these verses, when does one receive the fullness of God, the fullness of the Holy Spirit?
- What truths can you apply, trusting that the Holy Spirit, is God’s constant presence in a believer’s life today? Consider times when you experience guilt, shame, loneliness, confusion, anxiety, loss, mistreatment, questions over the future, doubt.

Challenge: What have you learned about the Holy Spirit as your advocate in this study? How can you be more conscious of his presence and power in your everyday life?

Memorize Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: *Father, thank you that I am never alone. You sent the Holy Spirit to seal my adoption papers and be with me forever, no matter what life may bring. Help me be more aware of your presence in my life, and help me listen to the direction and leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*