

"The Holy Spirit My Intercessor"

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INTRODUCTION TO LESSON

Life Group Lesson Objective: To understand how The Holy Spirit helps us as our intercessor.

Life Group Leader preparation:

Rom 8:27 – Likewise the Holy Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Holy Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning's which cannot be uttered.

Jesus said in John 16:7 that the Holy Spirit would be our Comforter. He also said, ". . . It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him to you" (John 16:7).

The COMFORTER manifests himself as

- our helper
- our strengthener
- our advocate
- our standby
- OUR INTERCESSOR

JOHN 14:16-18 (Amplified)

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another COMFORTER (COUNSELOR, HELPER, INTERCESSOR, ADVOCATE, STRENGTHENER and STANDBY) that He may remain with you forever,

17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him, nor know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you orphans — comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless — I will come [back] to you.

Many times when trouble, confusion or fear, or hard times come our way, believers forget that our comforter, our helper is on the inside of us, we have a Helper. We don't have to pray for a Helper: we already have the Helper in us.

WEEK #1 – Holy Spirit is “one who is called alongside”

Discussion Question: What are the different roles that the Holy Spirit is called alongside to help us in our daily lives?

He, the Holy Spirit has different responsibilities as my Helper.

- He helps to: COMFORT
- He helps to: COUNSEL
- **He helps as: INTERCESSOR**
- He helps as: ADVOCATE
- He helps as: STRENGTHENER
- He is called to STANDBY

The Holy Spirit Within: Our Guide in the Affairs of Life

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth . . ." (John 16:13). Not only will He guide us into all truth, but Jesus said speaking to God the Father, " . . . Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The Holy Spirit **will also guide** us into the truth of God's Word.

The Holy Spirit **will guide us** in all the affairs of life. "For as many AS ARE LED by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14).

<p>No one can be guided or led, however, without placing themselves in the hands of the Guide.</p>

Also, because you are born again, you will know by the Holy Spirit living on the inside of you what to do in every situation in life, for He is our Guide into all truth (John 16:13). Just look on the inside; check to see what the Holy Spirit within your human spirit is leading you to do (Rom. 8:14).

Many times instead of looking to the Holy Spirit within us to guide and lead, we look on the outside for the answer.

Paul said in Ephesians 5:20 that we would be filled with the fullness of God " . . . according to the POWER that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20). Jesus told the disciples * , . ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you . . ." (Acts 1:8).

Let's be honest - Discussion: Share when you placed yourself/yielded to be led by the holy spirit as intercessor.

Week #2 – How is the Holy Spirit our intercessor?

Discussion Question: According to Romans 8:26... how and why does He make intercession for us?

Comforter (Counselor, Helper, INTERCESSOR, Advocate, Strengtheners and Standby) that He may remain with you forever.

The number one way the Holy Spirit guides us is through the inward witness....in our spirits, it is also true that the Holy Spirit will help us and give us guidance in our prayer life (Rom. 8:26,27).

And when we receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit, a new dimension of prayer is available in our private prayer life through speaking in tongues.

The Holy Spirit is our Intercessor and our Guide, and as we yield to Him in our prayer life, He will help us and at times show us things to come, as He wills (John 14:16 Amp.; Rom. 8:26; John 16:13).

Let's be honest - Discussion: Share times you have experienced “things to come”, or you didnt know what to pray but the Holy Spirit guided you what to pray for.... as you prayed in tongues.

Week #3 – Learning to cooperate with the Holy Spirit

Group Discussion Questions: In what ways can we make it easier/possible for the Holy Spirit to help us in our weaknesses – when we do not know what to pray for as we ought to pray?

- Listening to what God has to say in His Word and acting on it. It always pays to walk by faith — to simply take God at His Word — because He is faithful who promised (Heb. 10:23).
- Lean on the Greater One who dwells within us, and as we are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the power of God is made available to us and the supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit can operate through us as the Spirit wills.
- Praying in the “Spirit” - Eph 6:18;
- Building yourselves up.... praying in the Holy Ghost – Jude 20

Learn how to **put the Greater One** who indwells us and who has infilled us ***to work for us.*** When we do, we will have no need to walk by sight, to look at circumstances, or to be ruled by our feelings. We can rise above our physical limitations and natural circumstances and enter into the realm of the supernatural through the power of the Holy Spirit!
----Smith Wigglesworth – “Ever increasing Faith”

Week #4 – The Holy Spirit – Tapping into the Power of the Helper

Group Discussion Questions: Share ways the Holy Spirit gave you a more favorable condition or position...? How has he helped you to change others’ lives?

- You got the position when others were more qualified than you
- He gave you an upper hand, or better opportunity than you were expecting

The Holy Spirit doesn’t just take over, he helps us

Ps 28:7 NKJV – The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.

Isaiah 41:10 AMP – Do not fear [anything], for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, be assured I will help you; I will certainly take hold of you with My righteous right hand [a hand of justice, of power, of victory, of salvation]. – Amp

Hebrews 13:6 – (KJV)

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

When ministering to others:

Then in Acts 19:6 we read, "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

These disciples at Ephesus had not heard about being filled with the Spirit and speaking in tongues. But as soon as Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they spoke with tongues. Every one of them was filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit of God gave them the utterance — without waiting, agonizing, struggling, or tarrying.

James 5:14-15 we read, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and **let them pray** over him, **anointing him with oil** in the name of the Lord.” And **the prayer of faith** will save the sick, and **the Lord will raise him up**. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”