



VALLEY CHURCH

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Embracing The Holy Spirit: Our Helper, Teacher, and Guide

Theme Scriptures: John 14:26; Romans 8:14

Big Idea:

Today, we will embark on a journey to deepen our understanding of one of the most profound gifts given to us — the Holy Spirit. In the complex tapestry of our faith, the Holy Spirit is often the most mysterious, yet the most intimate presence of God in our lives. Our focus will be on two pivotal scriptures: John 14:26 and Romans 8:14. Through these verses, we will explore the indispensable role of the Holy Spirit as our Helper, Teacher, and Guide.

Key Points:

1. The Holy Spirit as Our _____

In the journey of life, we face countless challenges, decisions, and moments of uncertainty. It is in these times that the Holy Spirit steps in as our Helper. The Greek word used for "helper" is "Paraclete," meaning one who comes alongside to assist, advocate, and support. This divine assistance is not distant or impersonal; it is as close as the very breath we breathe.

2. The Holy Spirit as Our _____

Knowledge and wisdom are treasures in the kingdom of God, and the Holy Spirit is our chief instructor. John 14:26 doesn't just mention that the Holy Spirit will teach us; it emphasizes "all things." This promise extends beyond mere intellectual understanding to include spiritual insight and the revelation of God's truth in our lives.

3. The Holy Spirit as Our _____

To be led by the Spirit of God is a hallmark of our identity as sons and daughters of God. Romans 8:14 speaks of a dynamic, ongoing relationship where we are guided by the Spirit in every aspect of our lives. This guidance is not forceful, but gentle, respecting our free will yet always directing us towards God's will.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. **Understanding the Holy Spirit's Role:** How does your personal or denominational background influence your understanding of the Holy Spirit? Reflect on the sermon's introduction, which highlights the diversity of views on the Holy Spirit across Christian traditions. How can we embrace a balanced biblical view of the Holy Spirit in our community?

Ponderings:

2. **The Holy Spirit as Helper:** Share a time when you felt the Holy Spirit acting as your "Paraclete" or Helper in a challenging situation. How did this experience change your relationship with God? Consider the analogy of the challenging hike through a dense forest; how does this imagery help you understand the Holy Spirit's role in your life?
3. **The Holy Spirit as Teacher:** Reflect on John 14:26, which describes the Holy Spirit as our Teacher. Can you recall a moment when the Holy Spirit taught you something significant or brought a specific scripture to your remembrance at just the right time? How does the analogy of the master artist and the student help you understand the Holy Spirit's teaching method?
4. **The Holy Spirit as Guide:** Romans 8:14 mentions that those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Discuss what it means to be "led by the Spirit" in daily life. Share personal experiences of how you've sensed the Holy Spirit's guidance, and how you've discerned His leading from your own desires.
5. **Receiving the Holy Spirit:** Reflect on the sermon's conclusion about receiving the Holy Spirit at the moment of conversion through faith in Jesus Christ. How does this understanding influence your sense of identity and purpose as a believer?

Promptings:

6. **Living in the Spirit:** Based on the entire sermon, what practical steps can you take to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Discuss how you can apply the sermon's applications, such as inviting the Holy Spirit into every situation, engaging with the Scriptures through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and cultivating sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's prompting and direction.