

# Life Group Discussion Questions

## March 4, 2012

### **Series: The Holy Spirit**

**Sermon Topic:** An Introduction - John 14-16 - Dr. Matt Cassidy

**Introduction:** We begin our study into the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit as described by Jesus Christ to His disciples in John 14-16 with an emphasis on how to be used by Him today.

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Read John 14-16. Share with your group observations that you made throughout those passages. What is the theme and mood of the passages that Jesus uses to introduce the Holy Spirit? What names does Jesus give to the Holy Spirit? Which verses give reference to the Spirit's ministry in light of those names?
2. Matt taught us that from John 14:-16 we can know that the Holy Spirit is...1) God, 2) Holy, 3) a Person, 4) the Comforter/Counselor and 5) will be with us forever. If this is true, which it is, then we can live our lives without fear, confusion or feelings that we're alone. Share with your group a time when you lived in this truth and were not fearful, confused or felt alone; or a time when you didn't live in this truth and were fearful, confused or felt alone. What was the context and circumstances surrounding this time? How did you respond and why do you think you responded the way you did? Is there a specific area in your life that you struggle to live out this truth more than others? Share, encourage and pray for one another to continue to live in accordance with this truth.
3. Jesus taught in John 16 that the Holy Spirit will convict the world in regards to sin. Matt expounded on that by reminding us that we don't use the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit uses us for His purposes. The Spirit's job is to convict people of sin, our's is to pray and be available for the prompting of the Spirit to witness to those people. Share with your group how the Spirit has used you for His purposes in being a witness, sharing the Gospel or even leading people to Christ. Encourage one another to identify and pray for 5 people that you would invite to Grace on Easter Sunday. Pray that the work of convicting those people would be of the work of the Holy Spirit and as a result they would come to know and trust Jesus as their Lord & Savior.