

Rediscovering the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-18; John 16:5-7;

Discussion Questions

- 1) Briefly describe the scene in chapters 13-17 of John. Why does John dedicate 5 chapters to this one meal time?
- 2) Read John 16:5-7 and John 14:16-18. What do we learn about the Holy Spirit from these verses?
- 3) In John 14:16 it says “*another* Advocate” (NIV). What is the significance of the word “another”? How does this affect our understanding of the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit with us? Read also John 14:7-9 and Colossians 1:15-20 noting especially v19 to help address this question.
- 4) In the sermon, 3 key works of the Holy Spirit were addressed. The first was the power over sin. Read Romans 8:11-13. How does the power of the Spirit overcome sin in our lives?
- 5) The second was the power over spiritual dullness. Read 1 Corinthians 2:11-14; John 16:13; John 14:26; How does the power of the Holy Spirit overcome spiritual dullness?
- 6) The third was the power over fear. How do we see the power of the Holy Spirit overcome fear from the events of Acts 4:8-13 & 23-31?
- 7) Ask yourself the following questions and share your thoughts with the group:
 - a. Do you have the Holy Spirit?
 - b. How well do you know Him?
 - c. Do you know what He can do for you?
 - d. Do you consciously and persistently ask for His help?
 - e. Do you consciously and persistently ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit?
- 8) The word “persistence” occurs twice in the preceding questions. Read Luke 11:5-13. What is Jesus saying about persistence through these verses and how does this apply to asking the Holy Spirit for His help and asking God to fill us with His Holy Spirit?

Prayer: take time to pray for one another and the leaders in IBC based on what God has placed on your heart through His Word and Holy Spirit this evening.