

## Discussion Questions

Have someone read John 16:1-8 to the group. Jesus said the Spirit would convict “the world” regarding three things. In this context, Jesus uses the phrase “the world” to describe anyone who has not committed to him. What were the three “convictions” Jesus said the Spirit would bring to the world? Review and summarize Tom’s explanation of those three things from Chapter 11 (found on page 102).

From Chapter 12, pages 109-112, review and summarize the four things Tom said the Spirit does with those who have put their faith in Christ.

Have someone read 2 Corinthians 3:17 to the group. Notice that the Bible says, “The Lord is the Spirit.” Now that your group has reviewed what the Spirit does with nonbelievers and believers, how does it make you feel to know that these things are the actions of the Lord himself? Do you feel valued that God would take such a personal interest in your life, or do you feel uneasy that God is so close to everything you experience?

Have someone read Galatians 5:25 to the group. This verse urges us to “keep in step with the Spirit” (NIV). What can you do in your daily life to follow the Spirit’s leading throughout your day?

Have someone read Galatians 5:22-23 to the group. This passage lists “fruit” (or “results”) of giving control of your life to God’s Spirit. Of the nine traits, which one is your strongest at this point in your life? Which one is your weakest? Would you be willing for the group to pray that your life would bear more of the fruit that is listed in this passage?

### This Week’s Assignment

Read Chapters 14-16 in *The Anchor Course*

# The Anchor Course



“I Believe in  
the Holy Spirit”

# The Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17

Jesus said: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—<sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

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Second, verse 17 speaks of what the Holy Spirit does.

He works *upon* nonbelievers

“The world cannot accept him,  
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He works *within* believers

“But you know him,  
for he lives with you and will be in you.”

The Spirit works *upon* nonbelievers . . .

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John 14:17, “The world cannot accept him; it neither sees him nor knows him.”

John 16:8 (NCV), Jesus said the Spirit “will prove to the people of the world [non-believers] the truth about sin, about being right with God, and about judgment.”

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The Spirit works *within* believers.

John 14:17, “But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

He e \_\_\_\_\_ us when we’re weak.

Ephesians 3:16, “I pray that out of [the Father’s] glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.”

He e \_\_\_\_\_ us when we’re confused.

Ephesians 1:17, “I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”

He e \_\_\_\_\_ us when we’re inadequate.

He e \_\_\_\_\_ us when we’re anxious.

Romans 8:6 (NLT) “If the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace.”

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