



Within Week 1, Pastor Rob King

Introduction

[**Reader:** Group Leader]

When the time had come for Jesus to depart from the disciples; He told them that they would be better off because the Holy Spirit would come to them. Jesus knew that although the disciples walked closely with him they would need a helper once he left. How much more do we need the Holy Spirit actively involved in our lives today?

In this summer series, we will explore what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit. Additionally, we will be challenged to see the Holy Spirit with new eyes, and learn how to live an everyday life filled with the spirit that lives "Within."

Let's open in prayer [**Leader prays**]

[**Reader:** Person with the longest name (first and last)]

Many Christians have different ideas of who the Holy Spirit is. Some believe that the Holy Spirit is something "weird." Others were taught that it doesn't

exist, or that people filled with the Holy Spirit have powerful experiences all the time.

- Discuss with the group your background with the Holy Spirit.
- Did you have any experiences that have influenced what you believe about the Holy Spirit?

[**Reader:** Group leader]

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Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-6

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” (Continue reading by clicking [here](#)).

- Why do you think it was placed between Chapter 12 & 14?
- According to this passage what is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

[**Reader:** Person who most recently snapped a selfie]

Many Christians are intrigued when they hear the word “prophecy.” This word was used quite a bit in the Bible in a good way, but has been spoiled over time. The Bible says that when we declare God’s truth or encourage and comfort one another we are prophesying.

- Discuss with you group your background on the word “prophesying.”
- What does the Bible say? Read 1 Corinthians 14 aloud as a group.
- Discuss with the group your thoughts on what God says about the word “prophesying.”
- Pastor Rob talked about walking in the “Radical Middle.”
 - What do you think he means by this in context to the word “prophecy”?

- Do you think it's easy to get away from the biblical meaning of the word?

[**Reader:** The person wearing a bright colored piece of clothing]

Read Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me you who practice lawlessness.'"

- What do you think Jesus is warning us about? Why?
- The term "Lord, Lord" is mentioned twice in this passage. What does the term mean, and what is Jesus saying about some people who say "Lord, Lord" to Him?
- Knowing Christ and being known by Him is the key factor in your personal relationship with Jesus. What can you do, or what are you doing to embrace and cultivate transparency in your relationship with Him?

Christians need to make sure that anything done in the name of God is in the context of our relationship with Him.

- What spiritual disciplines do you have that ensure all that you do, comes out of your daily walk with Jesus?

[**Reader:** Person who most recently studied for a test—any test]

Read John 14:16-17

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—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."

- What does this passage tell us about the Holy Spirit? Explain.
- What is an Old Testament example of the Holy Spirit?

The Greek word for Holy Spirit is "Parakletos" which means to walk along side; to protect.

- How has the Holy Spirit walked alongside of you and protected you?

[**Reader:** group leader]

Read John 16:7

"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

- What does this passage tell us about the Holy Spirit?
- In what ways was it better for the disciples to have the Holy Spirit than to have Jesus in the flesh?
- How is it better for us?
- What is one insight that you learned about the Holy Spirit which can be of help to you?