



Small Group Questions: Sunday 9th June
Sermon Series Symbols of The Spirit
The Paraclete – John 14:15-27

As you work through these questions and consider the role of the Paraclete, I pray that you are enriched by each other and the conversations that take place.

Every blessing

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To begin my sermon, I suggested that in our culture we struggle to ask for help at times.

- Do you agree with this?
- If not, why?
- If so, what is it that is stopping us from asking for help?

In my first point, I suggested that the Holy Spirit is an ‘Active Helper’. To support this claim, I drew attention to the transformation we see in Peter, before and after the death and resurrection of Christ.

- How has the Holy Spirit transformed you?
- Does the transformation (sanctification) process ever stop? If so, when?
- How are you going to push into the Active helper this week?

There was so much content in the passage that I did not have time to unpack, in fact, I never really got out of the first few verses. Take some time now to read the passage and consider some of the following...

In verse 17, Jesus says, “The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him”

- This is a tricky verse to navigate, take some time to discuss what Jesus means when he said this?
- Read **Isaiah 6:10**, **Jeremiah 5:21**, **Ezekiel 12:2** – If anything, what do these contribute to the words of Jesus, regarding the idea that the world cannot receive the Helper.

In the text, Jesus says, “In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you”. (verse 20)

- What does Jesus mean?
- Considering the Gospel’s main objective is to present Jesus as God to the reader, what theological themes is the author trying to communicate to us, the readers?

Jesus Goes on to say, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.”

- This was given to a group of distressed disciples 2000 years ago. What can we, as disciples, take from this promise?