

WEEK 2

# COME ALONGSIDE ME

## POWER

Power to face an  
unsure future.

## PROMISE

The Holy Spirit is a helper and  
mentor. He takes on the role of  
a coach, perpetually at our side.

## PRAYER

Comfort me.

**JOHN 14:16-17 ESV**

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

## CONSIDER

Does it ever feel like you're trying to figure out this whole "Christianity" thing on your own? Are you fumbling, and bumbling, doing your best to act like the other Christians you see? Jesus promised he wouldn't leave us on our own to figure out how to follow him. He sent us a helper, a teacher, a friend, a counselor. According to Jesus, the Holy Spirit will be all this for us and more.



## PRAY

The Holy Spirit is available to help us, but many times we're too busy helping ourselves to effectively listen to the Spirit. Pray a prayer of repentance as we begin this study. Repent of leaning on your own abilities and wisdom.

*Holy Spirit, you have been sent to me as a helper. I recognize that I need your help, but I often live as though I don't need you. I repent of trying to do life on my own, in my own strength, and in my own power. I need you, and I open myself to receive your helping ministry. Amen.*


## DISCOVER

Read: [John 14:15-26](#)

Can obedience be separated from love? How does the Holy Spirit help us love and keep the commands of Jesus?

Where does the Holy Spirit dwell? What does this mean for your ability to access the Holy Spirit's guidance and help? (verse 17)

What type of lessons does the Holy Spirit want to teach us? How have you experienced being taught by the Holy Spirit? What would you like the Holy Spirit to teach you/remind you of?



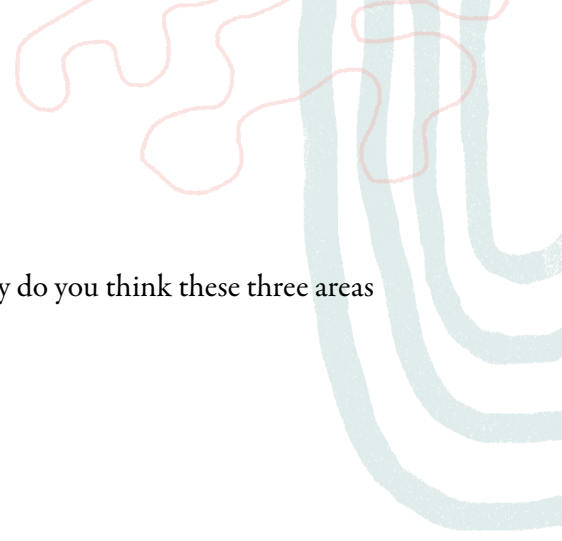
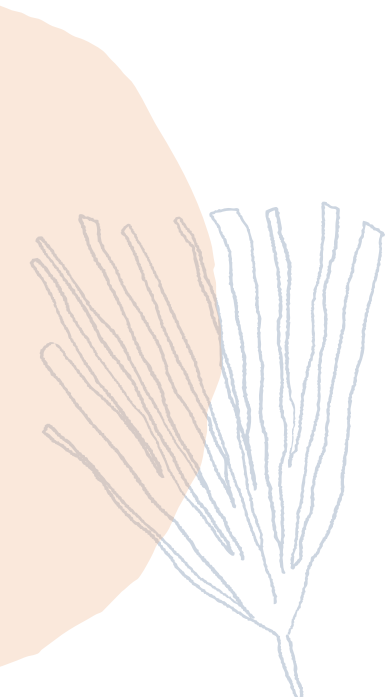
## DISCOVER

Read: [John 16:7-15](#)

What are three functions of the Holy Spirit? Why do you think these three areas are so important? (verses 13-15)

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit leads us into all truth? Can someone find truth apart from the Holy Spirit? Is there a limit to what the Holy Spirit can teach you?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit always glorifies Jesus? How do we share in the work of glorifying Jesus now that the Holy Spirit lives inside of us?



## ACT

It can be difficult receiving guidance from the Holy Spirit if you have trouble believing you can hear him. Use the following exercise to practice hearing from the Holy Spirit.

### Still and Quiet Your Soul ([Psalm 46:10](#))

Lay aside the thoughts and cares vying for your attention.

### Invoke His Presence ([Psalm 100:4](#))

Praise and acknowledge God as the one who is ever-present. Ask that he would especially reveal himself to you during your time of listening.

### Ask God to Speak to You ([1 Samuel 3:10](#))

Use the model of Samuel, "Speak Lord for I, your servant, am listening."

### Listen Expectantly ([Habakkuk 2:1](#))

Use a pen and paper to write down the impressions he brings your way. Usually this will be words, phrases, visual images or thoughts that come into your mind through the still small voice of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

## PRAY

Pray a prayer of gratitude. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to help you and reveal truth to you. Thank God for the indwelling presence of the Spirit, for the gift of a helper, and for not leaving you alone!

## READ

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[John 14:15-21](#)

[John 14:23-27](#)

[Nehemiah 9:20-31](#)

[John 15:26-27](#)

[John 16:12-15](#)

[Acts 2:31-37](#)

[John 16:4-11](#)

[Joel 2:28-29](#)

[Acts 2:15-21](#)

[Isaiah 11:1-9](#)