

The Holy Ghost

- Week 3 -

John 14

¹²Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do **EVEN GREATER THINGS** than these, because I am going to the Father.

¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and **I WILL DO IT**.

¹⁵"If you love me, **KEEP MY COMMANDS**. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷the Spirit of truth.

John 16

¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Where are you **SETTLING FOR LESS?**

John 20

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "**RECIEVE** the Holy Spirit.

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

Holy Spirit is identified in a number of ways in Scripture—including as a **guide, teacher, helper, revealer, sustainer, and empowerer**. How have you experienced the Spirit in these (or other) ways in your life? What may be some times when, looking back, you see them as Holy Spirit, but were unaware of his presence at the moment?

Read the scriptures on the other side of this Guide (we suggest making time to read or listen to chapters 14, 15, and 16 of John, as well).

- :: *What is something from those passages that "lights up" for you or otherwise catches your attention? What do you sense God inviting you into there?*
- :: *How do you think Holy Spirit intersects with experiencing fullness of life, abiding with Jesus, and loving God?*
- :: *Why do you think it is significant Jesus commanded, "receive the Holy Spirit" to his followers? What are some implications of this for us today?*

Pastor Jeremiah said, "Jesus' declaration of greater things for his followers means we are called to risk—to risk in obedience, to risk in what we ask for, to risk in what we expectantly live out."

- :: How are you processing that?
- :: What do you think is Holy Spirit's role in moving us to faithful risk?

What is an area you identified you may be "settling for less? Share this with someone and invite them to pray with and for you.

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from New International Version [NIV].
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BUDGET APRIL 2022 YEAR TO DATE \$ 2,877,000
GIVING APRIL 2022 YEAR TO DATE \$ 2,492,704
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