

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of June 13, 2021

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### MY STORY

What was your initial understanding of the Holy Spirit? How has it changed?

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

### DIGGING DEEPER

Jesus said that He had to go away in order for the Holy Spirit to come. How is this better for us?

Why is it necessary for the Holy Spirit to bring conviction to the world? Why can't we convict unbelievers?

How does God's standard of Sin, Righteousness & Judgement differ from ours?

People today use the term "This is my truth". Is that a valid concept? Why or why not?

Does the fact that the Holy Spirit does not speak of His own authority indicate that He occupies a lesser place in the Trinity?

What effect does Romans 8:26 have on your prayer life?

Why do we need the Holy Spirit to give us discernment? Aren't we able to figure out truth on our own?

What's so important about the Holy Spirit glorifying Jesus?

### PRAYER REQUEST

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## Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

### WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

### PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

### WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Carlos & Xinia Rojas as they serve in Costa Rica.

**Choices Baby Bottles** Your filled baby bottles are due back on Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>! Don't forget!



## The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

### *The Roles of the Holy Spirit*

*John 16:4b-15 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer June 13, 2021*

## What are the Roles of the Holy Spirit?

### I He is the Bringer of Conviction

- He convicts of TRUE sin—rejection of Jesus
- He convicts of TRUE righteousness—**God's** righteousness
- He convicts of TRUE judgement—**God** is the judge

### II He is the Guide into Truth

- He speaks the with the Father's authority
- He intercedes for our weakness
- He grows our discernment

### III He is the Glorifier of Jesus

- He takes what is Jesus' and declares it to us
- He completes the picture of the Trinity  
God the Father takes us as his children  
Christ the Savior-Shepherd gives us salvation  
The Spirit-Helper guides us into all truth