

Discussion Questions

1. In verse 5 Jesus said He didn't say the things in the above passage because He was with them. What was Jesus showing them with His actions that He didn't say with His words? or what He did say with words?
2. In verse 7 Jesus says it is better that He goes away, why? How are we better off with the Holy Spirit? How is it different?
3. Read verses 9-11. What do you think this means? What stands out to you? How do we respond?
4. In verse 12, Jesus says that He still has a lot to say to the disciples/us, but we can't bear it outside of the Holy Spirit. What does this say about the character and nature of our God?

Application Questions

1. What does it mean to be "filled with th Holy Spirit?"
2. How can you tell if you are filled with the Holy Spirit?
3. What do you feel about the more charismatic responses to the Spirit in our culture (speaking in tongues, etc.)?
4. Often times we think that we are given gifts and they help point us to what God desires us to do for the Kingdom. Is that the way it seemed to work in the Scriptures? How is it a man who couldn't speak was chosen to speak for God (Moses)? A man who was the most righteous of the Jews called to minister to the Gentiles (Paul)? An uneducated fisherman called to lead the church in Jerusalem (Peter)?
5. How do the gifts of the Spirit work? What gifts do you see in yourself or in the people in your group? How will you use them for the Kingdom?

JOHN

a 20/20 Vision of Jesus
through the Gospel of John

LifeGroup Curriculum
Week 37
John 16:5-15

Breaking Bread

One pan tomato basil chicken and rice

6 chicken thighs, skin on
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 onion, diced
1 red bell pepper diced
1/3 cup sun dried tomato strips in oil, chopped (optional: but adds flavor)
1 cup uncooked long grain rice
1 14.5 ounce tin crushed tomatoes, with liquid
1 1/3 cups chicken broth (or chicken stock)
1-2 teaspoons salt (adjust to your taste)
1/2 teaspoon pepper, (adjust to your taste)
1 teaspoon dried basil
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
extra chopped fresh basil (to serve)

- Preheat oven to 400°F. Heat the oil in a large, deep ovenproof cast iron skillet/or pan. Add the chicken, skin side down; sear for 3-4 mins on medium-high heat. Turn each thigh and sear until golden all over. Transfer the chicken onto a warm plate.
- Add the garlic; fry until fragrant (about 30 seconds). Add the onion and red peppers; fry for about 3 minutes or until onion is transparent. Stir in the sun dried tomatoes, rice, crushed tomatoes and chicken broth (stock). Season with salt, pepper and dried basil. Bring to a simmer and allow the rice to soak up all the tomato flavors.
- Place chicken thighs, skin side up, over rice. Bring to the boil; rotate the chicken in the tomato sauce to coat; cover with foil; transfer to preheated oven and allow to bake for about 40 minutes, or until the rice has softened and absorbed the liquid and the chicken is cooked through. Stir through an extra 1/4 cup of water to the rice ONLY if needed (if rice hasn't cooked fully).
- Remove cover; change oven settings to broil / grill on medium heat for a further 8-10 minutes or until the chicken is crispy and golden.
- Season with extra salt to taste; sprinkle with freshly chopped basil to serve.

Fellowship Questions

1. What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday? What was one take away you had?
2. Did you memorize the memory verse this week?
3. How are you intentionally connecting with people during this season?

Introduction Activity

When you were growing up or when you first went to church how was the Holy Spirit talked about?

Reading

Read John 16:5-15

What stood out to you?

Prayer Activity

One of the best ways to stay in step with the Spirit isn't to go and do, but to sit and be. Take a longer time this evening in prayer (in smaller groups if necessary) and just go around the circle praying for what is on your heart. Pause and listen to the Spirit. Expect Him to speak to you. Let the uncomfortable silences be.

God Sightings

Build a LifeGroup Facebook Page and have people share their God Sightings throughout the week

Memory Verse

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

-John 16:13

Worship

On your LifeGroup Facebook Page share a worship song or video that spoke to you this week.