

## Knowing the Holy Spirit

**Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed:** Listening to the Spirit

**Who this is for:** seekers and Christians

**Desired impact on disciples:** Grow in giving God Lordship, listening to him

**Desired impact on campus/home/others:** n/a

### Hear the word

John 14:15-28

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I."

- What is the relationship between Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit?
- What action(s) does Jesus say his disciples will do?
- Why does the Holy Spirit come?

### Respond actively

Those who have decided to follow Jesus have received the Holy Spirit. Where do you see the Spirit at work in your life?

Listening prayer is a way of waiting for God to speak to you in prayer, rather than only speaking to God. Find someplace quiet where you can get rid of distractions and invite the Holy Spirit to speak. It could be through images, scripture, phrases, or words. Set aside 15 minutes each day to do this. It's okay if you don't hear anything, simply sit in silence.

### Debrief and Interpret

- How did it feel to wait on God to speak?
- Did you hear anything? How did that make you feel?
- What did you learn about God? Yourself?

### Expand the influence

Pause before going to a class/activity/event each day and ask the Spirit to guide your interactions during it