

Searching for God's Glory

WEEK SIX
JOHN 16:7
ADVANTAGE CHRISTIAN



ADVANTAGE

Christians have the advantage because of the Holy Spirit.

There is a defeatism that is prevalent in the church today that consumes our attitudes and conversations. By that I mean, many Christians are living as if they are on the losing side, living without power, living without hope, living without strength. Nothing could be further from the truth. I'm not saying that the answer is in being more positive or changing your attitude or thinking happy thoughts. The answer is in the Holy Spirit.

In fact, you are in the position of victory, in the advantage, because God's Holy Spirit is in you.

Is that how you live? For many people the answer is no, because they haven't learned to live dependently upon God's Spirit. If you so choose, all of that can change right now. You can discover that you are at an advantage because you have the Helper, Who was sent by Jesus to, well, help you!

That begins when you have a relationship with Him marked by daily dependence. Let's go on this journey together and experience God's Holy Spirit.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and share what has confused you most about the Holy Spirit.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. How does the Bible describe the Holy Spirit?

As an impersonal power source or as a person? Why does that matter?

“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ACTS 13:2



2. John 16:5-15 describes the Holy Spirit as having a will. Based on what Jesus says in these verses make a list of all that the Holy Spirit “will” do.

Explain the impact that has on your life.

“God was at work in your life through the Holy Spirit when you didn’t even know it.”

DEREK NEIDER

3. Your relationship with God depends upon the work of the Holy Spirit. How is that so? Pastor Derek mentioned at least 7 ways the Spirit is at work in your life as it relates to salvation.

Share some of those.

Describe how the Spirit was working in your life before you were a believer in Christ.

“Because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth” 2 THESSALONIAS 2:13

“I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”

John 16:7

3. How does the faithful work of God’s Spirit in your life bring you peace?

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,”

JUDE 24

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:6



REACH

Considering what God revealed to you this week, take a step and in prayer, begin developing that relationship with God’s Spirit by acknowledging how He has been at work in your life. Thank God for that work and open your heart to more.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear you experienced the Holy Spirit working in your life.

