

WITH YOU

January 11, 2026



BIG IDEA

By leaving, Jesus is actually with you—through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 16:7-15

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

John 14:16-17, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22, 1 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 John 2:1-2

RESOURCES

Gift and Giver: The Holy Spirit for Today, by Craig S. Keener.

Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in Christlikeness, by Christopher J.H. Wright

Keep in Step with the Spirit: Finding Fullness in Our Walk with God, by J.I. Packer.

Paul the Spirit, and the People of God, by Gordon D. Fee

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?
4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the

scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture what stood out to you?

J.I. Packer says that "understanding the Holy Spirit is a crucial task for Christian theology at all times." Why is it important for us to dwell on the Spirit's personhood and work?

Jesus said it was for our good that he would leave so that he could send the Holy Spirit. Why is it to our benefit that Jesus ascended to heaven and sent the Spirit?

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the *Paraclete*—a term that can mean advocate, counsellor, or helper. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in this way?

Can you remember a time where you have felt the Spirit's prompting? How did you experience it? Did you act on it?

The sermon framed conviction as loving diagnosis rather than shaming. How has your past experience (church, culture, relationships) shaped the way you hear words like *sin* and *conviction*? What would it look like to receive conviction as an act of God's care rather than rejection?

This week we thought about how the Spirit is like a floodlight that illuminates Jesus to us. In what ways does the Spirit point us to Jesus?

SENT

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.