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The Gift That Will Never Stop Giving

John 16:7 p. 1069

"But 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 go, I will send Him to you."
John 16:7 (NASB)

Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit is the power to live the Christian life and to do the Christian ministry.

1. If Jesus _____ the Holy Spirit...

Isaiah 11:1-2

Luke 1:35

Luke 3:21-22

Luke 4:18-19

Hebrews 9:14

1 Peter 3:18

2. The _____ of Our Power

Romans 15:13

Romans 15:16

Rom. 15:17-19

Luke 24:48-49

Acts 1:8

Acts 4:31

3. The Holy Spirit in You & Me

a. He gives _____

John 6:63

Romans 8:2,11

2 Cor. 3:6

b. He gives _____

Luke 10:21
Romans 14:17
1 Thes. 1:6

c. He gives _____

Hebrews 2:4
1 Cor. 12, 14

d. He _____ (and restricts) us

Acts 13:4
Acts 16:6
Acts 20:22

e. He sets us _____

2 Cor. 3:17
Romans 8:1-2,15

The Spirit and the bride say, "**Come!**"

Everyone who hears this should say, "**Come!**"
If you are thirsty, **come!**

If you want life-giving water, **come and take it.**
It's free!

Study Questions

Spend some time this week, either by yourself or with a group, studying some of the following questions.

1. How could it possibly be "to our advantage" (other versions translate this word as "good" or "better for us") that Jesus would leave this earth?
2. What is your experience with the Holy Spirit?
3. How do you view/think about the Holy Spirit? Why?
4. Why did Jesus need the Holy Spirit? What does that say about our need for Him?
5. Do you feel as if you live a Christian life full of power? Why or why not?
6. If you could choose one area of your life to sense God's power in, what would it be? What is keeping you from receiving the power of the Holy Spirit here? What do you think you can do about it?
7. The Holy Spirit is a Giver. What are some blessings He has poured out upon you?
8. How have you seen the Gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12 & 14 are just a few samples) manifested in yours or others' lives and ministry? Are there any gifts you would like to pray for?

Spend some time as a group praying together for the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself in and through each one of us in power and love. Spend time listening as a group for the Holy Spirit to speak. If anyone senses a message of any type, pray together to test it ("Lord, is this from you or the enemy or my own heart or mind?").

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