

When all you need is hope

John 14-16 is known as the “Last Supper Discourse” These are the final words that Jesus spoke before going to the cross.

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—” John 14:16 (NKJV)

“the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.” John 14:17 (NKJV)

“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” John 14:25-26 (NKJV)

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.” John 15:26 (NKJV)

“Nevertheless 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 (NKJV)

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.” John 16:12 (NKJV)

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” John 16:13 (NKJV)

Three roles the Holy Spirit fills in our lives

I. Helper (paracletos)

“Nevertheless 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. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” John 16:7-11 (NKJV)

II. Friend

No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. John 15:15 NKJV

III. GOD

“And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.” Luke 3:22 (KKJV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

Small Group & Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Read the verses that were listed in this weekend's teaching. Do you see that Jesus is going out of his way to affirm that the Holy Spirit is his provision for us to live a full Christian life while he is no longer on the earth?!
2. Why do you think there has been such confusion about the ministry of the Holy Spirit through the years and even recently in our current era?
3. We listed three roles that the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. Discuss each of those and give an illustration of how you've experienced the Holy Spirit as helper, friend and God Himself.
4. Once you get past the misconceptions of the Holy Spirit, how do you feel about the possibilities of what the Lord may want to do in your life through the Holy Spirit? Where can you go to find out more about Him?