

**Intro:**

*What has been your understanding or experience of the Holy Spirit?*

**Read:** John 14v15-21 (Note: Jesus is meeting his disciples for the last time before he dies.)  
*What does Jesus teach about the identity & character of the Spirit?*

The original Greek wording for “another Counsellor” literally means “another counsellor of exactly the same kind” (v16). In other words, the Holy Spirit perfectly represents Jesus, and is fully God just as Jesus is.

*What does Jesus promise the Spirit will do?*

*What did Jesus mean when he said “I won’t leave you as orphans” (v18)?*

*How might the disciples have felt after hearing this? Why?*

*What are the implications of the Holy Spirit’s presence in us:*

- a) In our attempts to obey God?*
- b) As we share our faith?*
- c) When we face difficulties?*

Living the Christian life in our own strength is impossible. The only way to live as a Christian is for Jesus to change us, directing and empowering every aspect of our lives. He does this through the Holy Spirit.

**True or False:**

We can’t do a single thing of worth without the Holy Spirit.

**Pray:**

Thank God that he has given us the Holy Spirit. Ask him to help you grow in your understanding of the person and work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Pray in pairs.

**Action Point:**

Read *The Life* booklet.

**Digging Deeper:**

Read the rest of John 14-16. *What else does Jesus teach about the Holy Spirit?*