

Leaders Guide:

1. How does this passage (John 16:4b-15) shape your view of the Holy Spirit and his priorities?
 -Because the Holy Spirit is not often talked about in a lot of churches, we want you to gage the starting point for those in your community group. What was their view, and did/how was it change by the John passage.
2. What is said to be the role of the Holy Spirit in John 16:8. How have you experienced this activity of the Holy Spirit in your life? Give an example of the most recent time.
 -There are three ways they can answer concerning conviction. Sin, righteousness, judgment. Most people will probably jump to sin, but also focus on the two positives (righteousness and judgment). When was the last time the Holy Spirit helped them learn something?
3. Describe in your own words the role of the Holy Spirit in John 16:13-15. How does this role increase our ability to share Christ?
 -This is something that was blatantly discussed this weekend, but it is one of the main points so we want you guys to process it in your group. Specifically how does the Holy Spirit equip you and present you ready in the mission field?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7. What emphases are presented in these verses regarding the gifts of the Spirit? How do these emphases protect against the misuse of the gifts?
 -Remember, all spiritual gifts have to first fall under John 16:15, to glorify Christ. So notice the common theme in the 1 Cor passage. They exist to show God. This idea shapes the use of the gifts, helping to fight against a man centered use of them and instead focus on the God designed purpose for them.
5. Read John 16:12 and 2 Peter 1:20-21, how does this change the attitude you take towards Bible reading?
 -The Bible is inspired and written by the Holy Spirit. Discuss in your groups how that changes Bible reading. Maybe ask members of your group to share how they "encounter" the Holy Spirit in the scriptures. Help each other do devotions better.
6. Over the course of this semester we occasionally asked "What are two things you are asking for or hoping God will do this year?" How has God grown you in those areas this semester?
 -You might have to dig to remember these things, but it will be good discussion when you do. Remember this is the last community group, so pray for your group that you continue to grow in these things together.