

TRAIL GUIDE



- Choose your guide carefully; your life's **direction** depends on **them**.

8 I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. 9 Don't be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep it in line! Psalm 32:8-9 (TLB)

6 Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Proverbs 3:6 (MSG)

- The Journey that Jesus calls you to requires a **guide**.
- The guide that Jesus has provided is the **Holy Spirit**.

16 and I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth....John 14:16-17 (TLB)

Discovering the Trail Guide:

- The Holy Spirit is **God**.

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit ... you have not lied to men but to God." Acts 5:3 & 4 (MSG)

- The Holy Spirit is a **Him**, not an **it**.

The world at large cannot receive him, for it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you do, for he lives with you now and some day shall be in you. John 14:17 (TLB)

- The Holy Spirit is a **friend**.

14 The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. 2 Corinthians 13:14 (MSG)

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)

- The Holy spirit is a **companion** for your journey.

16 I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you.

John 14:16 (MSG)

5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.

6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. John 3:5-6 (NLT)

- The Holy Spirit is our **source** of **eternal life**.

63 The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. John 6:63 (NLT)

25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:25 (NLT)

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. Romans 8:14 (NIV)

14 The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them. Romans 8:14 (NCV)

How do we let the Holy Spirit lead us?

- We do **what** He tells us to do, **when** He tells us to do it.

27 My sheep recognize my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27 (TLB)

Application:

- Run your **choices** by Him.
- When you **need** something **ask** Him.
- Throughout your day, **talk** to Him.

26 And in the same way—by our faith—the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words. Romans 8:26 (TLB)

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday?
- Do you think that people need the Holy Spirit as a Trail Guide in everyday life? Explain.
- In the past, have you sought out wisdom or direction before making a big decision? Did you go to God or people?
- Jesus calls us to follow him, to imitate Him. Do you think this requires a guide? Explain
- Discuss the points under the sub-heading: "Discovering your Trail Guide". Are any of these a challenge for you?
- Read 2 Corinthians 13:14 (MSG) What does the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit mean to you?
- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit as a companion? What does His companionship provide us?
- What is the difference between a "self generated" spiritual life and a "Spirit generated life"? How do we nurture an ongoing Spirit generated life?
- How will you bring the Holy Spirit into your everyday life?

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