



31 But these (*accounts written about Jesus*) are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name. John 20:31

- Jesus' authority in our lives demands **obedience** from our lives.

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15

30 "I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, 31 but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. John 14:30-31

16 I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, because he lives with you and he will be in you. John 14:16-17

19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.1 Corinthians 6:19

9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you...11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. Romans 8:9,11

...For by the help of the eternal Holy Spirit, Christ willingly gave himself to God to die for our sins—he being perfect, without a single sin or fault. Hebrews 9:14 (TLB)

Who is the Holy Spirit:

- A **person** to have a relationship with.

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14 May 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

- He is the third person of the **Trinity**.

19 Go 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

- The Holy Spirit causes us to be **born again**.

5 Jesus replied, "What I am telling you so earnestly is this: Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. John 3:3-6

- He is the source of **power** we need.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 The Spirit helps us in our weakness....Romans 8:26

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Why we need the Holy Spirit:

- We cannot live the life Jesus commands without the **Spirit** Jesus promised.

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." John 14:15

7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. 8 That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. Romans 8:7-9

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Action Step:

- Identify **one command** of Jesus you've been delaying, and ask the Holy Spirit for strength to obey it.

- We need the Spirit because we fear **abandonment**.

"I will not leave you as orphans." John 14:18

Action Step:

- **Talk** to the Holy Spirit throughout your day.

- We need the Spirit because we need divine **instruction**.

"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 that I have said to you." John 14:26

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth." John 16:13

Action Step:

- Spend time **reading** Scripture daily, and ask the Spirit to help you understand and apply it.

- We need the Spirit because we need divine **peace**.

27 "I leave you peace; my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So don't let your hearts be troubled or afraid. John 14:27

22 But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control...Galatians 5:22-23

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT)

Action Step:

- Identify an area of your life where you are fearful, and thank God for His activity and **protection**.

VISION:

TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

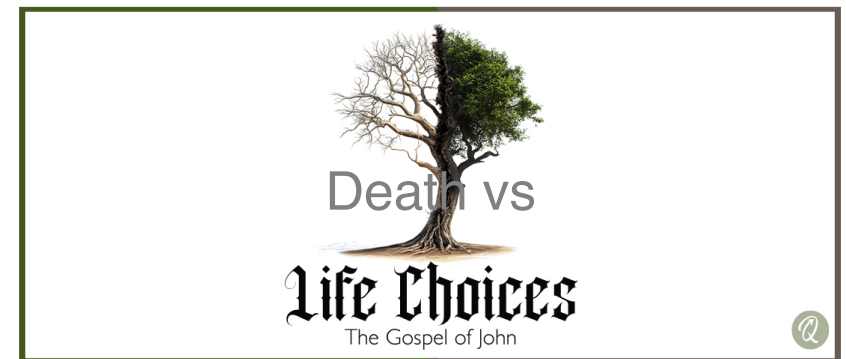
- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Jesus said that loving Him means obeying Him (John 14:15). In what areas of life do you find it most difficult to obey Jesus' authority, and how does recognizing your need for the Holy Spirit change the way you approach that struggle?
- How might your daily walk with God change if you intentionally related to the Holy Spirit as a personal presence who guides, teaches, and comforts you?
- What are some areas of the Christian life where people often try to rely on their own strength instead of the Spirit's power? What does dependence on the Spirit actually look like in practice?

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