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True Disciples Respond to the Spirit

John 16:4-15

1. Why were the disciples filled with sorrow in John 16:6, and how did their focus on themselves distort their understanding of what Jesus was doing?
2. Why does Jesus say it is “to your advantage” that He goes away (John 16:7)? How does the presence of the Holy Spirit differ from Jesus’ physical presence during His earthly ministry?
3. How do passages like **Ezekiel 36:26–27** and **Joel 2:28–29** deepen our understanding of the Spirit’s coming?
4. How does the Spirit’s work of 1) bearing witness, 2) convicting the world, and 3) guiding into truth relate to the mission of the church?
5. According to verse 14, what is the ultimate aim of the Spirit’s work? How can our lives and ministries more clearly reflect the Spirit’s primary mission—to glorify Christ rather than ourselves?
6. How can you rely more consciously on the Holy Spirit—rather than fear, withdrawal, or self-effort—as you engage the world around you?

7. Meditate on these lyrics and end your time in prayer and thankfulness for the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and through our church:

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

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