

7. Read John 14:25-26 and 16:12-15. How does the Holy Spirit teach believers?

# Sermon Notes

"Our Counselor"

John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15

October 2, 2016

## Introduction:

8. About what truth is the Holy Spirit presently teaching you?

## Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

*Walfre Estrada - Director of Vida y Esperanza Christian School, Guatemala*

Pray for Wally that he will have wisdom to sort out his duties; that Jesus will strengthen him each day by the Spirit to speak the Gospel to the 315 children under his care.

**Conclusion:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-02-16

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., John: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 147-161; Jim Petersen, Living Proof, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1989, pp. 239-42; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 178-79.

## Getting Started:

1. Which of the following words most accurately describes your relationship with the Holy Spirit: distant, intimate, confusing, mysterious, exhilarating, fearful, or something else? Please explain.
2. What do you wish were true about how you interacted with the Holy Spirit? That is, if you could change something about your relationship with the Holy Spirit, what would it be?

## Digging Deeper:

3. Read John 14:15-20. In the context of this passage Jesus begins to make it clear to His disciples that He will soon leave them. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit (14:16-17)?
4. How do you understand the apparent paradox in Jesus' words here? He said He would send someone to them (14:16-17); He then said He Himself would come to them (14:18-20); then, He said not only He, but also His Father, would inhabit them (14:23).
5. Read John 15:26-27. Both the Holy Spirit and the disciples will testify regarding Jesus. How does the Spirit testify about Jesus to the world?
6. According to John 1:12-13, those who received Christ, who believed in his name, did so because they were "born of God." According to John 3:3-8, what role does the Holy Spirit play in that new birth? What else do we learn about the Spirit from the wind analogy of 3:8?