

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 4-16-2023**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**Opener Question or Activity:** What types of natural energy are needed for us to survive? How important is that energy and power important for life?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Read through John 14:16-26, 16:7-15

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Discuss together what you know about the Holy Spirit. What are His responsibilities, titles (look in different translations, also), or His work?
2. According to the passages above, what specific words describe Him?
3. Have you ever been confused about the Holy Spirit? In what ways?
4. Pastor Mark spoke about Jesus' ascension triggering the Holy Spirit's arrival. Read Acts 2:3-4, 33. Is it clear why the Holy Spirit could not dwell in us until after Jesus' ascension back to heaven? Read John 7:37-39 also.
5. How have you witnessed the Holy Spirit's indwelling and power in your life? Take your time in answering this question.
6. When the Bible states in John 14:16-17, 16:8-13 that the Holy Spirit is the Truth and will guide us into all the truth, what are the ways in which this happens with unbelievers? With you?
7. What other questions do you have concerning the Holy Spirit and His role in our lives?

**Apply it today:** Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?