



## **Come in Third: Presence**

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**John 14:15-31; Galatians 5:22-23**

### **OPEN**

Think about normal, everyday life. How much do you live in the reality of having direct access to God? Explain.

As you thought about the Holy Spirit from last week's message and study, did any more questions surface for you or did God (or the Spirit) impress anything upon your heart?

### **DISCUSS**

Read John 14:15-31

- We know when Scripture was penned and read in the early years, it did not have chapters, verses, or subheadings. In other words John 14:15 was connected in the stream of thought of what preceded it. What is the conversation in John 14:1-14?
- What do you learn about the Spirit in vs 15-31
- What is revealed as the key for receiving the Spirit in this passage?
- You could continue this section of Scripture into chapter 15. Read 15:1-4 (even more if you wish). How do these verses reinforce John 14?

Explore this conversation in your group: What is the significance of the Holy Spirit (in same substance as the Father and Son) living in us as Christians?

What comfort does Jesus give his disciples when speaking of the Spirit?

What does the reality of the Spirit in our lives mean for our own character and transformation? Is our transformation automatic? Explain.

The Fruit of the Spirit is often been understood as a virtue list...that I/we should try to be all the things listed in Gal 5:22-23, and if any of them lack in our lives, then we will pray for and work harder to increase these fruits in our lives?

- Have you thought of this passage in this way? Explain.

If the Fruit of the Spirit is singular, meaning that all the fruits listed are actually one cornucopia of Spirit-driven reality for the life where the Spirit resides, does this encourage you or convict you? Explain.

### **YOUR NEXT STEP...**

- Read the Scripture passages in this study each day this week. Prayerfully ask the Spirit to impress truth upon your heart as you read. Listen to God's voice each day as you read the Scriptures. When done, sit in silence for a few minutes simply in the presence of God...not needing to say anything, but remaining in the presence of God.
- Reflect on your experience with Scripture and then Spirit at the end of your week.