



SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS

When did you first own a Bible? What do you remember first reading?

Was there a time when you really wanted to 'dig in' and study the Bible?

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE

We are continuing in a series about God, the Holy Spirit, the third person in the Trinity. The focus this week is on the Spirit's role to lead us to the truth. Jesus promised the coming and help of the Spirit in his time with the disciples just before He was arrested. Read the following promises of Jesus and consider what the Holy Spirit does to help us know God.

John 14:16-17

John 14:25-26

John 15:26-27

John 16:13-14

Jesus spoke of "Another Helper" in 14:16 ("Helper" is literally, 'One who comes alongside'). How is he 'another?' (Compare this to John 1:9.)

What do you notice from the examples of the Holy Spirit "illuminating / enlightening" believers in the following passages?

Ephesians 1:18

Ephesians 3:16-19

1 Thessalonians 1:5; 2:13

According to John 17:3, 7-8, what was the overall goal of Jesus' coming into the world? How does the Holy Spirit help?

According to 1 Corinthians 2:7-16, there are two kinds of wisdom. What are they and what is the Holy Spirit's role in helping us?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Most of us have grown up with copies of the Bible available. Knowing that few common people have owned a Bible throughout history (including in America until 1830 AD), do you think it has become just another book on the shelf?

In the first hours before the cross, Jesus made much of the work of the Holy Spirit to teach and lead us into the truth. How does this happen in your own life? What practices have helped you treasure and share God's words?

There is a danger of becoming like the Pharisees who knew the words of the Scripture but didn't listen to the Spirit to convict or enlighten them. What are your thoughts and feelings about this danger?

C.C. Ryrie wrote, "Ultimately, it is the Spirit who is the direct connection between the mind of God as revealed in the Scriptures and the mind of the believer seeking to understand the Scriptures." Is this true? If so, what do you understand from this?

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

In the book of John, chapter six, Jesus shared some difficult and challenging words. Some people withdrew and stopped walking with and listening to Him. "So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life" (John 6:67-68). If this is true, we should give His words priority in our time, attention, and direction. Perhaps open the Bible to the "Gospel of John" and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into the truth of God's life-giving words. There is nothing better!

PLEASE PRAY

- Please pray for our students and educators finishing the school year
- Pray for the Middle Schoolers and leaders doing a mission week in June
- Pray for people in your world that you are helping to follow Jesus