

“To enjoy & follow Jesus in a way that others will learn to enjoy & follow Jesus, too.”

The C.A.L.L. method will be the outline for our model:

**Celebrate:** Where has Jesus been working in your life? How has Jesus answered prayer? What are areas where Jesus has blessed you and through you blessed others?

**Accountability:** Where are you responding to God's grace by walking in God's ways, practicing obedience to God's word as a reflection of your love for Jesus? Is there anything specific you were trying to align with God's design for your life and loves?

**Learn it: John 16**

*“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. **5** But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. **8** And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; **10** concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; **11** concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

***12** “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **14** He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **15** All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

What does this passage teach you about our triune God?

What does this passage teach you about your need, the general need of humanity?

Where do you look for these needs to be met outside of God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

How is that working for you?

How does the context & the larger story of redemption help you see God's sovereign grace & provision?

How does this teach you about God's faithfulness, keeping His promises and being faithful to His plan?

**Live It:**

What step of faith do you need to take to welcome God's Spirit as the Helper Jesus left for His disciples?

Where do you need to welcome the Spirit's conviction? Take a moment to pray and ask Holy Spirit to convict of sin, joining the Psalmist in asking the Spirit to search your heart (**Psalm 139:23-24**).

How can you walk on your discipleship journey in the wisdom and freedom of Holy Spirit? Be specific.

What does it look like for the Spirit to guide you in all truth? What relation does this have to God's word?

How does the Spirit want to glorify Jesus through your life and leadership? Be Specific.

### **The Story of the Holy Spirit, our Helper on our journey of discipleship**

The Holy Spirit is the ultimate Helper on our discipleship journey! Some exposition will help explain how we know Holy Spirit more & help us see His essential role for spiritual strength & sanctification in truth.

**What are the most forgotten things when traveling?... Why do disciples “forget” the help of Holy Spirit?**

**Interpreter's house in Pilgrim's Progress**- Interpreter welcomes Pilgrim and shows him several rooms, including a room with a fire that grows when water is thrown on it (symbolizing grace's work in our hearts, unquenchable by the enemies' attempts to drown out the fire). The Interpreter is intended to be the Holy Spirit, the essential element for Pilgrim's progress on his journey to Celestial City.

**Eugene Peterson's discipleship categories:**

*Tourist spirituality* (going somewhere when convenient, to experience and consume...) vs

*Pilgrim mentality* (going with someone- Holy Spirit, with joy in the journey, to be men more like Jesus)

Christians do not value the Holy Spirit's presence because we do not know the Holy Spirit as well as we should. Partially, this is true because the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus like a spotlight on the main actor in a play (**John 16:14**). Realistically, this is true because we do not know the story of Scripture. Did you know... We first meet the Holy Spirit in the opening chapter of the Bible: **Genesis 1:2** AND We finally leave the Holy Spirit in the last chapter of the Bible: **Revelation 22:17**!?!

The Spirit is the breath of God, the blowing wind (**John 3:8**) of creation and recreation- "the energy of the life of God" (as **Isaiah 31:3**, contrasting God's life with Egyptian/ human power for life, or lack of).

In creation, the Spirit gives order, creating according to the will of the Father and His Word (**Psalms 33:6; Job 33:4**- The Spirit of God makes and gives life!) The Spirit "hovers" and brings "form." Scripture's opening verses (including **Genesis 2:7**, God breathing into Adam) reveal the Spirit as one who forms and brings fullness. The Spirit creates a temple, a meeting place for God to fellowship with His creatures.

Scripture continues to reveal the Holy Spirit in these ways:

-Creation (see **Psalm 19:1-6; Psalm 140:30**, especially **Genesis 1:26** and **Genesis 2:7**)

-Redemption: the execution of the Exodus & wilderness guide **Isaiah 63:7-14**

-Wilderness presence and guide **Exodus 31-37**

-New creation: **Luke 1:35** The Spirit of God "hovers" over the empty womb of Mary, filling it with Divine life, and forming the fetus of Jesus. The Spirit anoints the ministry and work of Jesus- **Matthew 3:16**

-The Spirit fills the believer individually-**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** and the church corporately-

**1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:21-22; 1 Corinthians 12**

-Consummation- The Spirit fills the new creation and invites believers to come- **Revelation 22:17**

The Spirit of God reveals the face of God- **Psalm 104:29-30** (an echo of **Genesis 1-2**). Renewal that comes when the face of God is revealed by the Spirit of God to the people of God. God's face has been otherwise hidden (**Exodus 33:20**). But what about our sin- does that stop the Spirit's revelation?

**Psalm 51:9-12** David asks for God's face to be hidden from sin, but not to be hidden from David. When we "see the face of God" it is unveiled by the Spirit of God- **2 Corinthians 3:18** and we see the attributes of God (Faithfulness, goodness, love...) knowing God for who God truly is, ultimately revealed in Jesus.

There is a progress in the revelation of Holy Spirit in Scripture, who He is and what He does

*Teaching wisdom*: Joseph (**Genesis 41:38**); Daniel (**Daniel 5:14**) and **1 Corinthians 2:12-14**

*Revealing God's Word*: **2 Samuel 23:2; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Peter 1:10-12**

*Giving gifts*: **Exodus 31:1-11; 35:30-35; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:4-8**

*Giving Freedom*: **Isaiah 63:9-11** (as **Ephesians 4:30** Spirit is grieved); **Galatians 5**

There is eternal, personal power when God the Holy Spirit helps us on our discipleship journey.