

The Helper—Salvation
Study Questions
John 15:26

Warm-up

1) Has someone given you a gift that (whether they intended it or not) reminds you of them? What was it, and what does it represent to you?

A little deeper

2) [John 15:26] After Jesus told His disciples that they would be persecuted just like Him, He told them that the Holy Spirit would testify about Him, calling Him the Spirit of *truth*. **Review John 14:25-26 (from last week) and read John 16:1. How do you think the truth helped keep the disciples from “falling away”?** **In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit lead someone to truth or keep them in the truth?**

3) [John 18:37-38] When Jesus went before Pilate, Pilate scoffed at the idea of truth. We see a similar attitude today in common phrases like “whatever floats your boat,” “live and let live,” and “to each his own.” We also see attitudes like, “I’ll believe it when I see it,” and “where is the proof?” **Why is it still important to recognize the Holy Spirit as a vital source of truth, and allow Him to work in us as such?** **How can the Holy Spirit help us to stand by truth such as what Jesus said in John 14:6?**

4) [Hebrews 1:1-2] God is consistent, but sometimes in surprising ways. Since not long after the fall of Adam and Eve, God sent His Spirit on the prophets, then on Jesus, and now on those of us who rely on Jesus for our salvation. At all times, the Spirit points us to God the Father and to Jesus. **In what ways is the truth given by the Spirit the same as it has always been? Are there any ways in which the truth is any different?** (For example, in the delivery, clarity, impact, etc.)

Bringing it home

5) Recall that John 15:26 tells us that the Spirit of Truth bears witness about Jesus. **What is the Spirit’s role in changing people from enemies of God to lovers of Him?** **How has He done this in your life?** (Has He given you any gifts that pointed you to Him?)

6) [John 15:27] While Jesus sent the Holy Spirit first to the apostles so that they could testify or “bear witness”, He also sends the Spirit to us. **Since the Holy Spirit divinely draws people to God and to Jesus, what is your role in “bearing witness” about Jesus?** **Keeping in mind your role, is there anything in your life that is “out-of-alignment” that you should ask God to help you adjust?**

Reflection & Prayer

7) As you pray together, consider how the Spirit drew you to God and how He may be leading you to draw others to Him.