

Week of January 15, 2017

<u>This Week's Focus</u>: The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity who glorifies Jesus Christ by convicting the world of sin, guiding believers in all truth, and empowering believers for the mission of declaring and demonstrating the good news of the gospel.

This Week's Text: John 16:4-15

"Nothing brings more glory to our exalted Lord Jesus than for his followers to become steeped in all truth concerning him! Glory comes to Jesus as the truths of the gospel are established in the lives of men." **D.A. Carson**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- What can we learn about the nature of God in this passage? What is the Trinity and why is it important that we understand the Trinitarian nature of God as revealed to us in Scripture?
- Who is the Holy Spirit and what is the substance of his work in the world? How does the Holy Spirit bring us hope and confidence when we are (like the disciples) sorrowful?
- Discuss the following ways the Holy Spirit brings conviction upon the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgement. Reference verses 8-11. What is the difference between the conviction that the world experiences and the conviction that believers experience?
- What is the ultimate aim of the Holy Spirit's work? Reference verse 14.
- Why is it to our advantage that Jesus ascended to the Father and sent us the Holy Spirit?
 Reference verse 7.
- How does the Holy Spirit guide us in all truth?
- How does this passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?