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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

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Due to a scheduling issue, there are two sets of Sermon Discussion guides for this week.

Series Title: Encountering Holy Spirit
Key Scripture: John 14:16-17
Recorded Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-b46zgWz4U
Date + Speaker: May 17, 2026; Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter: Pastor Mark KNEW OF Bobby Orr, but never met him. Have you developed a friendship with someone whom you first KNEW OF but later came to KNOW? How does knowing them change the relationship?

Discussion:

1. Holy Spirit is a person, not a force. How does knowing "Him" as a person, not "it" as a force, change the way we relate to Holy Spirit?
2. Holy Spirit Dwells within us as believers (John 14:17) What difference does this make in our daily lives? Why do we still struggle in our Christian walk?
3. Holy Spirit is our helper (John 14:16; John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:7). What does He help us with? How does He help us?
4. Holy Spirit is knowable for believers, and we can have a relationship with Him (John 14:17). What relationships can we compare to the one we (can) have with Holy Spirit?
5. Holy Spirit convicts us (John 16:8-11). What is the difference between Holy Spirit's conviction and other types of conviction? (Hint: Godly sorrow brings repentance (II Corinthians 7: 10))
6. Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth that guides and teaches us (John 14:17; John 14:26; John 16:13). How do we know when we are hearing Holy Spirit's

voice when He is speaking and guiding us and differentiate that from other voices? What are the voices we can confuse as that of Holy Spirit?

7. Holy Spirit is like Jesus and brings glory to Jesus, pointing all to Jesus (John 16:14). Why did Jesus promise Holy Spirit before leaving the disciples? Why did Jesus have to go for Holy Spirit to come?

8. What is the connection between Holy Spirit's and Jesus' own ministry and the overall salvation plan?

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The Big Idea:
Holy Spirit is God with us, in us and actively working to reveal Jesus and transform our lives.

Starter:
Have you ever been told something was a bad idea, but you did it anyway? What happened?

Discussion:

1. Read John 14:16-17 – Who is Holy Spirit and how can we describe His relationship with the Father and Jesus?
2. How does Jesus describe Holy Spirit and why is Holy Spirit described as ‘‘another Advocate’’?
3. According to the passage just read, where does Holy Spirit live?
4. What role does Holy Spirit play:
    a. In the life of the believer (John 14:26, John 16:13 Romans 8:16, Galatians 5:22)?
    b. In relation to Jesus (John 15:26-27)?
    c. In the world (John 16:8-11)?
5. How long will Holy Spirit be with us according to Jesus?

Diving Deeper:

1. What does it mean to you personally that Holy Spirit lives in you?
2. How does seeing Holy Spirit as our helper change the way you live daily?

3. What would it look like practically to be guided by Holy Spirit in everyday decisions?
4. Have you experienced Holy Spirit teaching or reminding you of truth?
5. Is there any area of your life where you need to be more open to Holy Spirit this week?

Personal Reflection/Prayer:

Are you aware of the presence of Holy Spirit in your daily life, and are you listening and responding to Him?

Prayer:

Be thankful for the presence of Holy Spirit in your life and pray for help to know Him more, recognise His voice and follow His leading.