

11/9/2014 Bible Study: The Trinity

(Since much is studied about The Father and Jesus we will focus on more of the Holy Spirit in this study)

How has your idea or perception of the Holy Spirit changed since becoming a Christian? If you don't consider yourself a Christian, what is your current perception of what the "Holy Spirit" means?

Read John 14:16-21, Jn 15:26-27 & Jn 16:12-15 (If you can, take time to read all of JN 14-16 before your small group)

1. In all these passages, what is one thing that strikes you about the Holy Spirit, & why do you think that might be important in understanding who God is?

2. What would you say the primary reasons were that Jesus wants us to have the Holy Spirit?

3. What do you think the Holy Spirit has to do with:
 - Understanding your identity
 - Giving you courage in difficult times
 - Comforting you in times of grief
 - Giving you security

4. The Vineyard teaches there is one baptism into the Christian Faith as believers and receiving the Holy Spirit (it happen at the same time). Why do you think some believe in 2 baptisms (one as believers and one to receive the Holy Spirit)? Discuss this (Look at Mark 1:8 & Acts 2:38, compared to Acts 8:14-17)

5. Why is it important to ask/pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit on a regular basis, not just one time? (Consider spending time praying for each other to be filled more with the Holy Spirit during your prayer time)