

SESSION TWO



THE HOLY SPIRIT
OUR
HEAVENLY
HELPER

SESSION TWO OVERVIEW

Session Summary

In session two the main theme was the fact that the Holy Spirit has been sent to help us in every aspect of our witnessing endeavours. Three ways in which the Holy Spirit helps us are examined.

Session Details

The Holy Spirit, our Heavenly Helper, has come to help and empower us in three strategic areas that positively affect our witness for Christ.

1. The Holy Spirit wants to prepare our hearts.

We are often held back from witnessing because of heart issues. It may be fear or anxiety, it may be a sense of inferiority, it may simply be that we have become apathetic or uncaring. The Holy Spirit wants to transform our heart condition so that we can experience zeal and passion and have a desire to see lost people come to Christ. A great starting place for Holy Spirit ministry is in the 'Secret Place', the place where we meet with God (Matthew 6:6).

2. The Holy Spirit wants to lead us to our mission field.

The Bible is full of incidents where the Holy Spirit leads people to their mission field.

Examples: Philip being led to the Ethiopian official (Acts 8:26-40), Peter being lead to Cornelius (Acts 10), and Paul being led into the city of Philippi (Acts 16). The same Holy Spirit wants to lead us to our mission field.

3. The Holy Spirit supernaturally draws people to God.

In John 6:44a we are told, 'No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him.' This is what the Holy Spirit does. He supernaturally anoints the words and works of the gospel. A clear biblical example is when the Holy Spirit fell on Cornelius' house when Peter preached the gospel (Acts 10). Again, the same Holy Spirit wants to help us in like manner. The Holy Spirit is our Heavenly Helper and He is with us 24/7.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1: In Luke 24:49, Jesus tells His disciples to wait for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit before they begin their witnessing endeavours. Why do you think He said this? _____

Question 2: Are you struggling with any negative heart issues (i.e. apathy, fear, etc.) that could be stopping you from being an effective witness for Christ? What are they? _____

Take a couple of minutes to pray for these issues with somebody from the group.

Question 3: Read Matthew 6:6. What blessings or rewards can we expect when we spend time alone with God? _____

Question 4: Have you ever felt led by the Holy Spirit to witness to someone?
YES | NO.
Share some relevant testimonies.

Question 5: Read the following Scriptures and discuss some of the ways in which the Holy Spirit can lead us to people.
Acts 8:26-29 Acts 10:1-3 Acts 10:9-10 Acts 13:2 Acts 16:9-10

Question 6: Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit's help in a witnessing situation? Share some short testimonies.

Question 7: How do you think we can 'feel' closer to the Holy Spirit?

GROUP PRAYER

(Either pray as a group or break into smaller groups)

Prayer points

Pray that the Holy Spirit will birth a genuine passion and desire for witnessing in our hearts

Pray that before the next session the Holy Spirit will lead us to a non-Christian person who we can connect with.

ACTIVATION

Set aside a time to connect with God in the 'Secret Place'. During this time ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone who you can witness to this week.

