

1. Motivate

When have you looked for answers for something beyond your understanding?

2. Transition

Serie, Alexa, or Google can tell us lots of things, but not everything.

- One *theological* fact beyond our understanding is the Trinity
- God has revealed Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. Bible Study

A video introduction is available to view at
https://watch.liberty.edu/media/t/1_f03h356u

3.1 Know Jesus, Know the Father

Listen for how Jesus answers.

John 14:8-11 (NIV) Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

What kind of attitudes or atmosphere do you think was present when Philip asked his question?

Why did Jesus seem surprised Philip felt a need for such a request?

What had Philip already seen that demonstrated the Father at work through Jesus?

In what ways does Jesus show *us* what God is like? How does knowing Jesus' actions and teachings help us know more about God

Consider Philip ...

- would be easy to criticize him for lack of understanding
- actually, he was quite honest about what he was thinking and feeling
- we need to be the same way with God ... *tell Him* your doubts and concerns

⇒ Jesus wants to reassure you and remind you of His power at work in your life

3.2 The Holy Spirit Is in Your Life

Listen for Jesus' introduction of the Spirit.

John 14:16-20 (NIV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Who would the Father give to the believers in response to the request of the Son?

Why can believers receive Him but not those who are of the world? Why can't unbelievers "see" Him (or see His working)

What are some different words used by some of your translations for "counselor"

How does the Holy Spirit work in the life of a believer? What are the benefits of having the Holy Spirit in your life?



- Christ in the life
- Self on the throne
- Issues of life in disarray



- Christ on the throne
- Self submits to Christ
- Issues of life in harmony with Christ's purposes

What kinds of things did Jesus do that the Holy Spirit does?

ote: ⇒ He will be *different* from Jesus in that

- The Spirit lives within the lives of *all* believers, everywhere, in all time and space
- He is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, eternal
- Jesus, *as a human*, was confined in time and space

3.3 The Spirit Continues the Work of the Son

Listen for what the Spirit does in our lives.

John 14:23-26 (NIV) Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

What kind of evidence affirms that a person loves the Lord?

What attitudes and actions will be motivated by our love for the Lord?

What effect does loving obedience have on one's relationship to the Father and the Son?

John 14.26 says the Holy Spirit will teach us. *How* does the Holy Spirit teach us?

How does it make you feel to know that God abides with you and the Spirit helps you understand His Word?

Application

Pray.

- Give thanks to God for being a God who reveals Himself to us.
- Thank Him for coming to us in Jesus Christ and for giving us His Holy Spirit to work in us and through us.

Study.

- Compare two passages: Genesis 1:1-2 and John 1:1-18.
- Underline where you see the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in these passages.
- Make note of the similarities and differences in how the three Persons of the Trinity are described.

Display.

- Just as the world around us reveals God, we are called to reveal Him to those around us.
- Trust the Holy Spirit to give you the opportunity and the words to point others to Jesus.

Crossword Puzzle

Clues and words taken from John 14:8-11,16-20,23-26 (NIV)



Down

1. the world neither sees nor _?_ Him
3. I have _?_ while still with you
4. Don't you _?_ I am in the Father?
5. the world cannot _?_ Him
8. give you another _?_
11. the Holy Spirit will _?_ you all things
12. everything I have _?_ to you
13. The Father, _?_ in me ...
15. _?_ my teaching



Across

2. These _?_ you hear are not my own
6. make our _?_ with him
7. the _?_ of the miracles
9. the Spirit of _?_
10. Lord, show us the _?_
14. Don't you know me, _?_
15. I will not leave you as _?_