

Taking a Closer Look

What does the Bible say?

In the past study we examined how disciples are marked by their new identity in Christ. In this study we will examine another mark of the disciple, the Holy Spirit; God dwelling within us.

Read John 14.12-26 and John 15.26-16.15, concentrating on what God reveals about His Spirit. What do the passages in John 14-16 tell you about the positions the Holy Spirit holds in the lives of disciples?

Read the following passages. Explain how the Holy Spirit is identified and what this means to you.

Acts 5.1-6	
2 Corinthians 1.21-22	
1 John 2.20, 27	
Find your own	

Thinking it Through

What does the Bible mean?

Explain what the Holy Spirit does for the disciple as illustrated in John 14.12-26 and John 15.26-16.15.

Using these same passages, what does the Holy Spirit do for the “world?” How does the “world” respond to the Spirit?

Read the following cross-references and describe what the Holy Spirit does for disciples of Jesus.

Galatians 3.27-4.7	
2 Peter 1.20-21	

1 Corinthians 2.9-16	
Acts 1.8	
Find your own	

Making it Count

How do I live what I've learned?

According to John 14-16, what does God's Spirit do through Jesus' disciples?

Read the following cross-references and describe what the Holy Spirit does through disciples of Christ.

Romans 8.5-17	
Romans 8.26	
1 Corinthians 12.4-11	
Galatians 5.16-26	
Find your own	

Consider this: if the Holy Spirit is our teacher, then why does God command us to "go and make disciples ... teaching them to obey?" If the Holy Spirit is our *teacher*, then His word is our *textbook*, and His disciples are our fellow *tutors*. The Teacher assigns the tasks (commands) and grades the work (judgment), while tutors exemplify obedience and train others to follow Jesus just as they do (discipleship). **Research the validity of the above statement by examining the context of some of the verses you have previously studied.**

1 Corinthians 2.1-8	
John 15.1-16	
Galatians 5.13-15; 6.1-10	
Pick your own	