

# The Promised Gift

## John 16:1-14

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### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

It's been said, "All you need is someone to love, something to do, and something to wish for." This kind of anticipatory thinking can be quite helpful to our mental and emotional health, but what happens when we finally obtain the thing for which we longed? Jesus spoke to his disciples about a greater gift than anything they could hope for on earth, but it wasn't heaven. It was the indwelling of his Holy Spirit. The Apostle John captures an inspiring moment in the life of Jesus from which we can draw many hope-filled insights.

## REALIZE

### 1. Why we need the Spirit

- **Scripture Reference: John 16:1-4**
- **Leader Notes**
  - The Spirit will keep us from falling into temptation and more specifically, the traps set by the enemy.
  - God's provision oftentimes comes after the persecution, so we must hold onto the Holy Spirit for direction and guidance.
- **Questions for Reflection: When you consider the goodness of God and the gifts that He gives, how has the gift of the Holy Spirit impacted your life and produced positive change and growth?**

### 2. What the Spirit Does

- **Scripture Reference: John 16:5-11**
- **Leader Notes**
  - The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment.
  - Without the Holy Spirit we are unable to see Jesus for who He really is.
  - We must rely on the Holy Spirit for help in our times of need and trouble.
- **Questions for Reflection: The work of the Holy Spirit is sometimes pretty mysterious to many of us. What are some ways that the study today has helped you in your understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit?**

### 3. How The Spirit Influences

- **Scripture Reference: John 16:12-14**
- **Leader Notes**
  - The Holy Spirit gently guides and never speaks on His own authority.

- The Holy Spirit always directs worship to Jesus and the Father.
- Glorifying God is what you were made to do. You are a worshiper. It comes naturally.
- **Questions for reflection: What is one thing the Spirit of God is asking you to change in the New Year?**