

BEST SUMMER EVER



WEEK 3 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- Summer brings its own food and desserts. What's your favorite food/dessert to eat throughout the summer?

CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

- The Holy Spirit is an essential part of faith and person of God (The Trinity), but He is often taken for granted. Looking back on what you have learned from the Bible and/or your own experience, how would you describe your understanding of the Holy Spirit?

Read John 14:15-17 & 15:26-27 as a group.

- Last week we talked about intentionally deepening friendships this summer. From these passages, Jesus tells His disciples about the Holy Spirit and the friendship that will happen. What Jesus was to the 12 disciples, the Holy Spirit is to us today. **What are some characteristics of a good friendship? With those in mind, what does a friendship with the Holy Spirit involve? How do you need to deepen your friendship with the Holy Spirit?**
- The Holy Spirit wants to change us and change the world through us. Sometimes we may think the Holy Spirit isn't doing much because we aren't aware of the ways He works. **Read the following passages as a group: Romans 5:3-5, Acts 1:8, John 14:16-17, John 16:12-17, Luke 10:21, Acts 9:31, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Ephesians 3:16**

How do these verses describe what the Holy Spirit does for and through us? Write down all of your groups' answers.

Which one of these verses resonates with you the most? Why?

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Read Galatians 5:22-25 as a group.

- The Holy Spirit wants to produce the fruit of Godly character in our lives, but that only comes when we listen to Him. **Can you think of a time when The Holy Spirit got your attention and/or grew your awareness of the Fruit of the Spirit (experiences with friends, situation in life, personal crisis/success, work situation, serving, etc...)? If so, explain.**
- Most of us are excited about the idea of staying in step with the Holy Spirit, but this is difficult to live out on a daily basis. The good news is that we have a life long friendship with the Holy Spirit patiently working in us. So, how often do you consider the Spirit's leading in your family, work, budget, errands, kid's activities, etc? **Think of some daily activities in your life. Which of these are you prone to do your own thing without considering how the Holy Spirit is leading you? How can you be intentional about actively staying in step with the Holy Spirit in these activities?**
- The Holy Spirit loves to speak to us through listening in prayer, studying God's Word, and the counsel of God centered friendships. Each requires moments to slow down and listen to the Holy Spirit's leading. **This summer, which of these 3 ways (or add your own) do you need to develop to actively depend and be more in step with the Holy Spirit? How can our group help?**

CALLING

- Learning to slow down enough to listen to the Holy Spirit is essential when it comes to hearing and knowing God's leading. How will you intentionally slow down and listen this summer?
- To continue having The Best Summer Ever, check out these suggested resources at mynorthside.com/bestsummerever.
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside's App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." Galatians 5:25
- **Further Study:** Add *The Forgotten God* by Francis Chan to your summer reading list.