

Victoria Fellowship Church
International & Interdenominational
Bible Study Worksheet – September 05, 2021

Theme: The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit **Topic:** The Holy Spirit teaches and inspires us

Main Text: Exodus 31:1–11; 1 Cor. 2:9-13

Key verse: 1 Corinthians 2:10 *“But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”* (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION: Knowing that His imminent betrayal, crucifixion, and eventual return to the Father would trouble the disciples, our Lord Jesus Christ spent the night of the Last Supper reassuring them. He promised them that He would not leave them alone. But that He would send “another Helper,” who would indwell them (John 14:1–24). While Jesus was with His disciples, there is no evidence that He caused His words and teachings to be committed to writing. And given that the human mind is quite limited, it would take a supernatural work for the disciples to recall all that Jesus had taught them, and to fully comprehend them. So, apart from indwelling the disciples, this Helper, the Holy Spirit would teach the disciples all things and bring to their remembrance all that Jesus had taught them.

1. **Read Exodus 31:3-5; 35:31-35; Isaiah 11:2; John 17:17; 1 John 2:27. (a) What will the Holy Spirit be teaching the believer? (b) According to John 14:25-26; 16:13 What are the ways in which the Holy Spirit teaches us all truth? (c) How can this knowledge that the Holy Spirit is a teacher help our walk with and attitude towards Him?**

In Exodus 25, God told Moses, *“You must build this Tabernacle and its furnishings exactly according to the pattern I will show you... Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain”* (Exodus 25:9,40). To make sure that happens, God equipped Bezalel and Oholiab, and all the craftsmen at the time with the needed skills. (Exodus 31:1-11). Likewise, by the time Jesus was returning to the Father, He wanted to make sure that His followers got the full picture of God’s plan for man; because *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him”* (1 Corinthians 2:9). So, the Holy Spirit would indwell us to teach and inspire us. This teaching and inspiration started with the Holy Spirit teaching and inspiring the Apostles to write the Holy Scriptures. So, we trust the Apostles’ records of the life and teaching of our Savior as well as the Apostolic reflection and application of these teachings in Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation because the Spirit was at work unfolding the teachings of Christ (see also 2 Timothy 3:16–17). The Holy Spirit’s work to teach and inspire us is not to introduce any new, post-Apostolic revelation. It is to enable the church to understand what Jesus has already taught, which is recorded for us in the New Testament. John Calvin comments that *“the spirit that introduces any doctrine or invention apart from the Gospel is a deceiving spirit, and not the Spirit of Christ.”*

2. **Read John 14:26; 16:12-15; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (a) What is the source of what the Holy Spirit will teach the believer? (b) What limitation did Jesus place on what we would be receiving from the Holy Spirit? (c) According to Genesis 6:5; Exodus 25:40; Matthew 15:18-19; and 1 Corinthians 2:12,14, why do we need to rely on the Holy Spirit to teach and inspire us?**

Jesus, the Son of God, taught His disciples. What He taught them were the words of the Father (John 14:24b). Similarly, the Holy Spirit would teach Jesus’ words to His disciples. So, Divine revelation comes from the Father, who speaks through the Son, whose words are recalled in the Apostles by the Holy Spirit. Every word of the Scriptures is a word from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and so can be fully trusted. We require divine assistance to understand the full import of Scripture and to apply it rightly to our lives. The Holy Spirit must do His work of illumination, for as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:10b–16, only spiritual men and women can discern the things of God. And while the Holy Spirit certainly does this, we have a role to play. (2 Timothy 2:15)

3. **Read Joshua 1:8; Matthew 7:8; Mark 4:24; 2 Timothy 2:15. (a) How do these passages relate with John 14:26 and John 16:13-14? (b) What role does the believer have in being taught and inspired by the Holy Spirit? (c) What guidelines does John 16:12-15 provide on how we should filter any purported Holy Spirit teaching or inspiration?**

Prayer: *Our heavenly Father, we believe the Scripture is inspired by our triune God and deserves our full attention and submission. Please help us to treat Scripture as such and seek, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to conform to its teaching Amen.*