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This is the third week in our fall series focused on our vision and values as a church. In week 1, we looked at our vision: *pursuing deeper life in Christ* - to be passionate pursuers of Jesus – to not just be fans but true followers. In week 2, we looked at the foundation of our vision: God’s Word. This past week, have you been growing a stronger grip on God’s Word by being *in* God’s Word? Memorizing it? Meditating on it?

This week, we look together at the first of our church’s four core values: Being Spirit Led. In John 14, Jesus said, *“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever– the Spirit of truth.”* In John 16, Jesus expands on this saying, *“when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.”* Jesus calls the Holy Spirit our ‘Advocate’ and the one who will lead and guide us into truth. Later, the apostle Paul in Romans 8 talks about living life led by the Spirit, saying, *“the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace”* (v.6). We are led by the Spirit by being surrendered to the Spirit.

REFLECT

- In John 14, what is the context of the chapter of Jesus’ words about the Holy Spirit? Why does Jesus tell the disciples about the Holy Spirit in this chapter? Hint: v.27
- In John 14:16-17, 26, what are some of the things we learn about this ‘mysterious’ third person of the Trinity?
- In John 16:7, Jesus said it is for our good that he goes away. How and why? What does this say about the Holy Spirit?
- In John 16:14, what is the Holy Spirit’s main job / focus?

DISCUSS

- Discuss the concept of an ‘advocate.’ What is an advocate?
- Have you had someone advocate for you in some way in your life? How? How were they a help to you?
- The person of the Holy Spirit can be hard for some to get their head around. Even Jesus acknowledged in John 3 that the work of the Spirit is like the wind: *“You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.”* What makes the Holy Spirit hard for some to understand?
- In your own thoughts, what do you think a Spirit-filled church or a church that is actively seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit looks like? What things come to mind?
- In Romans 8, Paul talks a lot about either living according to the flesh or according to the Spirit. In your own words, describe the basic difference and result between the two?
- Paul lists a number of ways the Holy Spirit helps us in our life with Christ. If you have time, briefly discuss each:
 - Romans 8:6 _____
 - Romans 8:15 _____
 - Romans 8:26-27 _____

APPLY

Let’s make the invisible visible: from the message this week, what are three key steps to surrendering our life to the leading of the Holy Spirit? Do you remember them?

- W _____
- L _____
- F _____
- Make the application this week praying as a group to welcome and surrender to the Holy Spirit.
- Choose a verse this week to memorize as a group.

PRAY

- Pray for our whole church, that we together would truly be a Spirit-filled church alive to Jesus.