

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 14:16-17, 26
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INTRO:

1. A **problem** for the new community
2. A **paradigm** shift for the new community

A. THE **PREVALENT** UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. A **secular** view (v. 17a)
2. A **symbolical** view
 - **Dove** (Luke 3:22)
 - **Wind** (John 3:8)
 - **Fire** (Acts 2:3-4)
 - **Water** (John 7:38-39)
 - **Oil** (Acts 10:38)
 - **Seal** (Ephesians 1:13)

B. THE **PRESENTATION** OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The Holy Spirit in the **likeness** of Christ (v. 16)
2. The Holy Spirit as **living** in us (v. 17)

C. THE **PERSON** OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The **definition** of the term "paraclete" (v. 26a)
2. The **designation** of the term "paraclete" (v. 26b)
 - **Counselor**
 - **Advocate**
 - **Teacher**
 - **Intercessor**
 - **Fixer**

CONCLUSION

Tabletalk Questions

Overview

The disciples' lives have been turned upside down. Jesus, the One they had followed for over three years, proved to be the Messiah. He was killed on a cross by the Romans, raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit, and spent time with these disciples during the forty days before He ascended to heaven to sit at the right hand of God. In this session, we're going to look at the moment that God provided new power to the disciples to continue the work of Jesus. It's an amazing story that means something to all believers today. Best of all, this incredible power is still available to you and me.

1. What is the greatest display of power you've ever witnessed in your life?

2. Why do people desire power?

3. **Read** Acts 2:1
 - * What is the danger of pursuing a "Pentecost experience"—wanting the baptism in the Holy Spirit—without first putting our faith and trust in the person and work of Jesus?

4. **Read** Acts 2:2–4
 - * How does speaking in tongues enhance a believer's relationship with God?

5. **Read** Acts 2:5–13
 - * We live in an individualistic society. How can individualism rob us of what it means to be a Christian?

6. **Read** Acts 2:14–16, 37–41
 - * How have you seen the Holy Spirit lead someone to share their faith with others?

