

## MAIN POINT

*The Holy Spirit is our Counselor, the One who sanctifies and equips us for ministry and who gifts us with spiritual gifts.*

## INTRODUCTION

What comes to your mind when you think of the Holy Spirit?

Why do you think many people are more comfortable discussing the Father and the Son than the Holy Spirit?

**The Holy Spirit is the most misunderstood person of the Trinity. An in-depth look at the Holy Spirit as a person, rather than an object, will enable us to rightly understand the Holy Spirit's various roles in our lives.**

## DISCUSSION

> **READ JOHN 14:16-17 AND 16:7.**

Jesus said that the Father would give the disciples "another Counselor." Who was the first Counselor who had helped them?

Read John 14:26. Based on this verse, what is the Holy Spirit's job?

Why do you think Jesus claimed it was better for Him to leave the earth so that the disciples could receive the Holy Spirit?

What are some ways the Holy Spirit counsels God's people?

Read Galatians 5:16-17. What does it feel like to be sanctified? Is it always a comfortable experience?

In what ways and circumstances have you experienced the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7. For what purpose does the Holy Spirit gift people?

Read Ephesians 5:18. What does it mean to be "filled with the Spirit"? What does it feel like? What is your responsibility in being filled?

What aspect of your relationship with the Holy Spirit needs to grow?

What are some practical ways you can "keep in step" with the Spirit (see Gal. 5:25)?

## APPLICATION

**What new truth did you learn about the Spirit or His work in your life from our discussion and readings this week? How can you apply these in your life?**