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Week 2 / The Spirit of Truth / John 16:13

ICEBREAKER

When you need directions, do you trust your GPS right away or double-check it? Share a funny or frustrating “lost” story.

OR

Has a Bible verse ever “popped up” in your mind or your feed at just the right moment? What was it, and how did it impact you?

SUPPLEMENTAL VIDEO

Scan the QR code found on the right side of the back of your Host Resources Card in your small group kit. Watch or listen to the video as a group, prior to starting the rest of your discussion.

INTRODUCTION

We live in a world full of opinions, headlines, and voices competing for our attention. How do we know what’s really true? Jesus promised the Spirit of Truth—the Holy Spirit—to guide us into what is reliable and trustworthy. The Spirit not only inspired the writing of Scripture but also makes it come alive in us, helping us understand and apply God’s Word in daily life.

What stood out to you from this week’s message?

INTO THE WORD

Read: 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Jeremiah 1:9; Acts 1:16; Hebrews 1:1–2; Psalm 19:7-8.

What do these verses reveal about where the Bible comes from and why it can be trusted? When has Scripture felt more like transformation than just information in your life?

Host Guidance: The Bible is not human opinion but God-breathed truth. The prophets and apostles were carried along by the Spirit, ensuring that God's Word is trustworthy and complete. Just as a sailboat is moved by the wind, Scripture was breathed out by the Spirit. Encourage your group that when they open the Bible, they are hearing the very voice of God.

Read: John 16:13; John 14:26; John 15:26–27; 1 Corinthians 2:10–13.

How does the Spirit of Truth guide believers into truth and remind us of what Jesus has said? What helps you discern whether a voice or influence in your life is truly from the Spirit?

Host Guidance: The Spirit always points us back to Jesus. He reveals truth, reminds us of God's Word, and testifies to Christ. Just like a spotlight makes the main subject visible, the Holy Spirit shines the light on Jesus. Encourage your group to test what they hear or feel by these questions: Does it draw me closer to Jesus? Does it align with Scripture?

Read: Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:16, 25; Psalm 119:18; Ephesians 1:17–18; James 1:22–25.

When you think about the Holy Spirit guiding and shaping your life, what does that look like in real, everyday decisions—school, work, relationships, or future plans? Can you share a moment when you sensed a nudge, conviction, or red flag from the Spirit that helped you make (or rethink) a choice? Have you experienced a moment where a verse felt like it was written “just for you”? What was it?

Host Guidance: The Spirit doesn't just guide us in “big” spiritual moments—He's involved in everyday decisions. That might look like wisdom about a dating relationship, conviction about how you handle money, or clarity on whether to take a new job or step into a new opportunity. Think of Him like a GPS that doesn't just map the destination but helps you navigate each turn. The Spirit also illuminates Scripture so it connects directly to your life right now—whether you're making choices about your future, building friendships, or figuring out identity. Encourage the group to share practical ways they've felt the Spirit nudging them—maybe as an

inner red flag, a verse coming to mind, or a moment of peace when making a hard call. Invite group members to think about how the Spirit has turned a verse into a clear next step in their actual lives.

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

(Essentials: Seek God Daily and Worship God)

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, makes God's Word trustworthy and alive. Seeking God daily means opening the Bible with expectation, asking the Spirit to guide and illuminate. Worshiping God means honoring Him by trusting His Word above every other voice.

As a group reflect on these questions:

- What practices help you invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time in God's Word?
- Where do you sense God asking you to trust His Word over other voices (the world, the flesh, the enemy) in your life?

Action Step

Challenge your group to begin each day this week by reading one passage of Scripture and praying: "Holy Spirit, open my eyes to see and live Your truth."

GROUP PRAYER PRACTICE: SCRIPTURE LISTENING

PRAYER

- Begin by inviting the Spirit of Truth to guide your group.
- Slowly read John 16:13 aloud two times.
- Sit in silence for 2–3 minutes, asking the Holy Spirit to highlight one phrase, encouragement, or step of obedience.
- Invite those who are comfortable to briefly share what the Spirit impressed on their hearts.
- Close by thanking God for giving us His Spirit to guide us in truth.

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, thank You for being the Spirit of Truth who inspired Scripture and who makes it come alive in us today. Teach us to listen to Your voice, trust Your Word, and follow Your guidance in our daily lives. Anchor us in Your truth when the world feels loud and confusing. May our lives reflect the hope of Jesus as we walk in step with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Make sure your group members submit their shirt orders by October 4.
- Don't forget to post a weekly photo of your group in your campus Facebook group for a chance to win a pizza party.