
DAY 10 • AUGUST 14

Power to Preach the Truth**READ: JOHN 16:4-15**

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

JOHN 16:13**REFLECT**

Toward the end of Jesus’ ministry, He said He would leave us with His Holy Spirit, who would guide us into all truth. Of all the things that the Spirit could have guided us in, why was it truth?

We live in a world where too much is being said about every subject. One set of voices promotes a lifestyle according to our own rules, preferences, and standards. Another set of voices tells us that our every move is being watched, that there are people ready to pounce and declare us guilty of every mistake we commit. Yet another set of voices tells us that caring about anything will only get us hurt, and encourages indifference and apathy. The only way we can be prevented from living a loose, legalistic, or apathetic lifestyle is by letting the Holy Spirit guide us into all truth.

The Holy Spirit is the *Spirit of Truth* and guides us in all truth. Moreover, it says that the Spirit of truth will also agree with the Word of truth because the Holy Spirit will never contradict the Word of God. Therefore, it is only by listening to the Holy Spirit that we can determine what the truth is and preach it with boldness.

But more than just knowing the truth, the Holy Spirit allows us to live in the truth. The more we keep in step with the Spirit, the less we will succumb to sin and temptation as the Spirit opposes all desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16,17). The more we walk with the Spirit, the more we are able to live in the truth and freedom we’ve received through the gospel (2 Corinthians 3:17). Lastly, the more we walk with the Spirit, the

more we can find the knowledge that we need in order to better minister to others about the gospel.

We cannot know, live, or be a witness of the truth of the gospel apart from the Spirit of God. We can engage our campuses and communities with the truth, bearing in mind its power that can set us free (John 8:32).

RESPOND

1. When you are unsure of what to do next, who do you run to? Is the Holy Spirit your first option? What is one thing you can do to prioritize His presence and guidance starting today?
2. How can you begin to step out in His power and witness to your family, campus, and community today?

PRAY

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach you to walk in truth. Ask Him to expose the lies of the enemy that are preventing you from walking in the truth.
2. Pray for increased discernment and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as you engage your campus and community this week. Pray that He will give you the boldness and confidence to be an effective witness.