***The Life 6: The Holy Spirit and Discipleship***

**Warm Up:** How do you view being a disciple?

When you think about being a disciple of Jesus, how do you think this happens?

What tools does he give us to accomplish his work of making us a disciple?

Today we are going to talk about the Who, How, and Why of the Holy Spirit’s influence on Discipleship. When we understand the role of the Holy Spirit in discipleship it gives us freedom and power to pursue God in amazing ways!

**Read Romans 8: 6-8**

**Question Group 1: Who do we belong to?**

Paul presents a difference of mindset. What does it mean to set you mind on things of the flesh (give examples)? What does it mean to “set your mind on the things of the Sprit (give some examples)?

What is the outcome of the two different mindsets? Is there a way to remain neutral?

In v. 8 we read that the unbeliever cannot please God. Why not?

How can you tell if the flesh or the Spirit has more influence in your life?

**Question Group 2**: How do we know who we belong to? John 14:15-17

How do we know if someone really loves God or if we do? Why is this not what some consider doubting salvation?

What is the connection between love and obedience? Why do you think Jesus enlightens us that love and obedience cannot be separated?

We often think about the Holy Spirit as just a set of facts or teachings — like what he does or why he matters. But Jesus described him as a real person: our Helper and the Spirit of Truth. If the Holy Spirit is truly with you every day — not just as an idea, but as a real presence, your guide and helper — how should that change the way you live, think, and make decisions each day?

The Last 24 hours- think back on the last 24 hours of your life. What was on your mind? Was it more about the flesh (what would make you feel good beyond things like eating, look good, or have others think good of you) or more about the Spirit? Write down the actions you took based on

The Flesh The Spirit

**Question Group 3**: Why Life can be frustrating Romans 8:11

How would you describe religion to someone who has no exposure to church, Jesus, or God?

What has the Spirit done in the past that proves his power so that we know we can depend on him?

What does Paul mean that the Spirit will give life to our mortal bodies?

**Wrap Up:**

From what you studied today, how is it possible for us to please God?

Which of these three questions is your mind focused on right now? What are the ways that todays lesson challenged you or gave you more questions?

The Holy Spirit is like a light in our life, showing us things as they really are and guiding our path. Not only that, but the Holy Spirit empowers us to be able to carry out the things that He shows us. These are just three ways the Holy Spirit works in our lives:

* helping us understand God’s Word,
* convicting us of changes we need to make,
* and prompting us to minister to others.

There are many more ways, but practically these are three ways you can begin looking for the Holy Spirit!

Which of these are you going to ask God to help you through the Holy Spirit for this week?