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These facilitator notes are for Lesson 2: The Heart of the Holy Spirit

Canon Ashey referred to Jesus who describes, "the Holy Spirit as a person with a purpose. He comes along side us the same way that Jesus did when he walked with us on the earth. And with the same heart as Jesus had."

NOTES: Canon Ashey emphasized the Advocate. Advocate is underlined.

John 14:16-17, 26 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicized (NRSVA)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (Helper, Counselor or Comforter, Paraclete), to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

John 15:26 ²⁶ 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

John 16:12-14 ¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Canon Ashey's comment: Jesus refers to the Comforter five times in John 14-16. Paraclete – The one who comes alongside.

1 John 2 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicized (NRSVA)

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate (Intercessor, defense attorney) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

"The Paraclete helps us live our lives as Jesus would if He were in our shoes." "Enables you to share about Jesus with conviction in the same irresistible way that the Holy Spirit worked through Jesus when He was on

earth.” **“He (the Holy Spirit) is not just naked power, (Canon Ashe emphasized.)** He is person who is literally called alongside us and has the same personality, the same heart as Jesus had.”

NOTE: Canon Asheys’ Questions and Answers emphasize the same heart of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. “The Holy Spirit is nothing less than the Spirit of Jesus himself.”

“Does Jesus come with a heart determined to destroy the works of the devil all around us? So does the Holy Spirit.”

“Call people to follow Him? So does the Holy Spirit.”

“Preach with authority that was irresistible and incomparable? So does the Holy Spirit.”

“Jesus says, yes, I do have the will to heal you. So does the Holy Spirit come with that will to heal.”

“Did Jesus have a holy anger that the court of the Gentiles no longer no longer a place of entrance and welcome? So does the Holy Spirit burn at corruption and dishonesty in the church today.”

“Did Jesus weep for his friends who were overcome by death and by darkness and by hopelessness? So does the Holy Spirit weep for you and me when we fall into that same place.”

“Did Jesus look out upon the crowd who were scattered and helpless like sheep without a shepherd? So does the Holy Spirit.”

“Did Jesus rejoice when He saw Satan fall like lightning when his disciples were out preaching and teaching and casting out demons? So does the Holy Spirit rejoice when we do the same things today as his church.”

Canon Ashe says, “the Holy Spirit is nothing less than the Spirit of Jesus, Himself.”

John 16:7-10 ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. **NOTE: Added for context.** ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

1. Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit 5 times in John 14-16. Are there recurrent themes in those passages? What are they?
2. What are the characteristics of the heart of Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
3. Do I see the Holy Spirit working in me those characteristics?
4. In the church?
5. Do I need more of the Holy Spirit in my life? Discuss.

Optional: *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*, Michael Green

Chapter 3, pages 52-54

Chapter 4 – The Spirit and Jesus

(Page 70) “If, the Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus, we shall expect similar marks in the Church of our age and every age as the Spirit displayed in the life of our Lord.” “To crown it all, we shall realize that this strong link between the Spirit and Jesus leads us to think of him in personal terms, as the one who makes Jesus real to us and works out in the common clay of our lives the priceless treasure of Christ’s character.”