

ASKING FOR A FRIEND week six

These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual. **We recommend the Bible versions of - ESV, NTL, NIV, NASB and The Message.

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Series Overview: “Everybody has questions—about faith, God, Scripture, spirituality. Well, OTHER people do; obviously not YOU. So, we thought we’d take a few weeks to talk through some things people we know wonder about and wrestle with, from both inside and outside of the church. And you get to eavesdrop. Because CLEARLY these aren’t your questions. They all came from other people, and even they were just asking for a friend.”

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Ice Breaker - Would you rather live without the internet or live without AC and heating?

Q1 – Have you ever been asked “What do you do?” but the person really wanted to know about you? How do you typically answer that question? Is what you “do” a reflection of who you are?

Q2 – Would you agree that “**We are all multiple versions of ourselves, and how others see us is a reflection of that?**” Why or why not?

Q3 – The statements were made, “**Most people are ok with Jesus but its once you mention the Holy Spirit, things start to get quiet.**” What are your thoughts about this? What are your thoughts about the Holy Spirit?

Q4 – Read **John 14:12, 16-17** — [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this passage?

Q5 – “**The Holy Spirit lives in us and empowers us to live a different way.**” What does that statement mean to you?

Q6 – Talk about the 5 Ways the Holy Spirit helps [Read Romans 8:16]: 1. Comforts and Encourages
2. Teaches and Reminds 3. Strengthens 4. Gives Wisdom 5. Empowers us for ministry and life

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Check out some more: Colossians 1:15, 19; John 16:7; Romans 8:16; John 14:26; Ephesians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12; Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 1:8

//THE POINT

God sends His Son, the Father and Son send the Spirit, and the Spirit sends the Church

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Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

//PRAY

Take time to pray for the needs in your group. Pray that we would be confident asking questions and creating a church that welcomes questions and doubts. Pray that we always remain a safe place for unchurched people. Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit to be evident in our lives daily. Pray for our nation, city, hearts to heal and be agents of change for those around us.