



# The Forgotten God

## How Do I Know I'm Led by the Spirit?

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Week 4  
4 of 5

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**Bottom Line:** God wants us to know His will so we can walk in it and experience the benefits of His power and blessings.

**Icebreaker:** What's the craziest thing you have done since the coronavirus started? What's the hardest change for you? What have you done for someone else since the virus began?

**Key Verse:** *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.* John 16:13

Jesus' commitment to His followers was so great that He gave His life as the only adequate sacrifice for our sins and rose again in power to defeat death forever for us. Both of those were fulfillments of seemingly impossible promises He made to the disciples. But He went even further. He promised them that when He returned to heaven He would send another Helper who would always be with them. This Helper, the Holy Spirit, would **reveal** truth to the followers of Christ, and would help them **remember** everything Jesus had taught them. This is still what the Holy Spirit does for us today.

In order to have the Holy Spirit's leadership in our lives, there are certain prerequisites. I must be a Christ-follower, I must be wise enough to make the most of my opportunities. I must truly desire to know and follow God's will. Then I must pray and be patient, believing that God will meet my needs through His Spirit.

God is delighted to lead us with great clarity. He leads us through His Word, the Bible. His Word lights up our path. He will lead us through inner promptings as He nudges us in the wise direction. Sometimes the Holy Spirit leads us through the input of trustworthy people. A wonderful way He leads us is through the gift of personal peace. He gives us a sense of calm and rest despite our circumstances, so we know we are on the right path.

We need to remember that when we choose to surrender to God and are led by the Holy Spirit, God Himself is in control. He takes full responsibility for a life that is fully surrendered to Him. So, the wisest thing we can do is take time to connect with the Holy Spirit and hear Him. This will take surrender and discipline on our part. The discipline of silence gives me the confidence and security I need to walk well in this world.

### THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from the message?

In place of weakness, the Holy Spirit brings power. In place of ignorance, the Spirit brings knowledge. In place of human knowledge, the Spirit brings divine wisdom. How have you seen or experienced this?

Why do you think God's directive is that the Holy Spirit is only provided as a helper for Christ-followers?

What would keep a Christian from desiring God's will?

Following God's will can be a lengthy and sometimes painful process. Reflect and discuss. How do you feel about that?

As the Holy Spirit leads us, our individual experiences may differ, but we can never get too far from Scripture. Reflect and discuss. How does this happen? What do you think causes some people to want what is spectacular more than what is scriptural?

### LOOK IT OVER <<<

Peace, people, and promptings. Besides the Word of God, these are three ways the Holy Spirit speaks to us and guides us. Which of these do you experience most often? Explain.

The Holy Spirit doesn't guide by just one of these. They are markers that must ALL line up. It is easy to experience a false peace when we want something so badly, even if it doesn't line up with Scripture, when wise people try to help us see a different way. Expect the Holy Spirit to be consistent. When all of these line up, we can move forward with great confidence. Discuss.

What makes following Christ through the leadership of the Holy Spirit most challenging for you?

God takes complete responsibility for a life that is completely surrendered to Him. My job is obedience; His job is results. How do these statements challenge you today?

## NEXT STEPS

1. Make certain you are surrendered to God for the Holy Spirit's leadership.
2. Take time every day to connect with the Holy Spirit for His leadership.
3. Practice the discipline of silence—it increases your sensitivity.

## EVALUTION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

## PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

## DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at [newpointe.org/daily](http://newpointe.org/daily):

Monday: John 16:13

Tuesday: Galatians 5:16-22

Wednesday: Romans 8:26-27

Thursday: Romans 15:13

Friday: Luke 4:1-2

***Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.***  
*(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)*