



## ON A WALK WITH GOD

**With Us**

October 20th, 2024

New River Church

### ICEBREAKER

Share a time when you felt connected with God during a walk, a moment in nature, or a quiet time. How did that experience shape your view of God's presence in your life?

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Jesus' Surprising Statement:** Jesus told His disciples that it was better for Him to leave so the Holy Spirit could come (John 16:7). How does that statement impact your understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in your life?
2. **God's Presence with Us:** Jesus promises that when the Holy Spirit comes, we will never be alone (John 14:16-18). How does this truth provide comfort during difficult seasons of life? Share a time when you felt God's presence through the Holy Spirit in a personal way.
3. **Who is the Holy Spirit?:** The Holy Spirit is described as the Helper, Counselor, Comforter, Advocate, and Friend (John 16:7). Which of these roles do you find most relatable in your current season of life, and why?
4. **Barriers to Experiencing the Holy Spirit:** The sermon mentioned three common backgrounds that shape how we think about the Holy Spirit: conservative church traditions, Pentecostal experiences, or no church background. Which of these resonates with you, and how has it influenced your relationship with the Holy Spirit?
5. **Living in the Power of the Spirit:** Scripture reveals that we cannot live the Christian life without the Spirit's work (Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 2:10). What areas of your life do you feel the need for the Spirit's power, and how can you open your heart to His guidance?
6. **A Life of Radical Surrender:** The sermon asks whether we are willing not just to accept the Spirit, but to invite Him to take control over our lives. What steps can you take this week to be more open to the Holy Spirit's leading in your thoughts, actions, and decisions?
7. **More Than Morality:** Many people believe that the Christian life is about being a good person, but Jesus calls us to something greater. How can we live out a faith that goes

beyond moral living to one that is fully empowered and led by the Spirit? What changes might you need to make to experience this “more” with God?

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## **PRAYER**

Father, we thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and be our constant Helper and Friend. Help us to open our hearts and lives fully to His presence and guidance. We pray for greater awareness of the Spirit’s power and a deeper walk with You, so that we may live lives marked by Your strength and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.