

## APPLICATION

1. It is awful to be all alone, but it is wonderful to be loved and accepted by those you love.
2. Jesus loves you and wants you to know that you are loved, wanted and accepted.
3. He also wants you to realize that you are never alone. He will always be with you through His Holy Spirit.
4. The Holy Spirit is the very real presence of God in the lives of believers.
5. He will never leave us or forsake us!
6. He will comfort us, convict us, teach us, lead us, strengthen us, remind us of Jesus' words, and so much more.
7. We have to believe Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit and receive Him by faith in order to experience Him.
8. Therefore, you should welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit into your life. Even if you have done that in the past do it again. Welcome Him!
9. Daily, by faith, be more and more conscience of the Holy Spirit's presence and help in your life.

## Prayer

Father, thank you for sending Your Holy Spirit to us who believe! Holy Spirit come into our lives more and more. May we be ever more aware of Your presence, comfort, love, leading and help. Forgive us when we have ignored You or taken You for granted. Help us to be more aware of Your presence and to daily rely on You to do all God would have us do. In Jesus' name we pray.

Freedom Groups were created with the belief that we are all on a journey through life and that our heart's desire is to be free to be all that we can be. Yet there are many setbacks, heartaches and road blocks along the way. Trying to overcome the issues we face in life by ourselves just does not work. We are all the same, no one is different. We need others to help us successfully walk our journey to freedom. Everyone is invited on this freedom journey.



## Gift of The Holy Spirit

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## WARM-UP

- Did you ever get lost as a child? If so, do you remember how that made you feel?
- Have you or a loved one ever gone on a long trip and hoped to hear from another person? If so, why did you want to hear from them? How did it make you feel when you finally did hear the other person's voice?

## WORD

16 I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. John 14:16-18

No one ever wants to be alone or to feel all alone. There are times when we all need our personal space and time but this is different than being or feeling all alone.

We all need to feel loved, cared about and wanted. These are basic human needs. When these needs are met by someone we care deeply about, or that cares deeply for us, we feel blessed and secure. However, when these needs are not met, especially by those we care about, it hurts deeply. We end up doing all kinds of crazy thing in order to feel cared for and loved.

There is one who cares for us and loves us all the time, no matter what. His name is Jesus! God cares more deeply for us and loves us more than we could ever imagine. He cares about each and every moment of our lives, what we are going through and how we are feeling. Because of this Jesus did not want those who love Him to ever feel alone. He was physically with His disciples for years, but He wanted to be with them, and everyone who would believe in Him, forever. So He promised to send His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, to be with all who would believe. Therefore He would never truly leave believers or forsake them. He promised He would be with them forever. So believers are never alone!

## 1 - Never Alone

I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you. John 14:18

An orphan is one who is left by the people who are to love them the most, their parents. Technically to be an orphan is for the parents to have died. Many people can feel like orphans because they feel abandoned by the ones who should have loved them. Jesus never wants us to feel that way. He wants us to know that we are loved and accepted by Him! Have you ever, or do you know anyone who has ever, felt alone or abandoned by the ones who should have been the most loving and accepting?

## 2 - Another Comforter

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of Truth. John 14:16-17a

We all need comfort, support, help, love and acceptance. Jesus promises to be that to us in a very real way through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that He would send the Advocate (some translations of the Bible say Comforter) to be with us forever. The New Testament tells us many things about the Holy Spirit of God. It tells us that He is our comforter, advocate and friend. The Bible says He is the Spirit of truth, power, life and holiness. It says that He will convict us of sin and lead us into all truth. He will remind us of everything Jesus taught. In short, the Holy Spirit is God with us. For those of you who believe and trust in Jesus Christ, how have you experienced the Holy Spirit being these things to you?

## 3 - Accepting the Gift

The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. John 14:17

Jesus says that the world cannot accept the Holy Spirit. What good is a gift if you don't accept it? The gift may have been given to you and put on your front door step, but unless you open the door, take it in and accept it the gift does you no good. The same is true of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants to be a very real blessing in your life through the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is offered to you and everyone who would believe, but you must truly accept Him. This Scripture tells us we cannot receive Him by trying to see Him or know of Him. Instead it says that we have to accept it by faith that He lives with us. Can you remember the first time you heard about the Holy Spirit? Can you share about your experience of accepting the Holy Spirit's presence? What changed for you?