Walk in the Spirit **The Work of the Holy Spirit**
June 16, 2013 **John 16:5-15**

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (Gal 5:25)." The third member of the Trinity is often the most neglected and most controversial. And yet the Bible teaches that the only way we can live the Christian life is by depending on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit? What does he do? And how do we walk in step with him? These are just some of the questions we will answer this summer as we look to the Bible to learn how to keep in step with the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions: (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Read John 16:5-15. The Holy Spirit has a very specific work to do both in the world (i.e. those outside of Jesus Christ) and in the church (those who belong to Christ). Let's find out what his work is and how we can participate in it with him.

2. What is the work of the Holy Spirit in the world? According to John 16:8-11 the Holy Spirit convicts the world of three things; its sin, its righteousness and its judgment. Explain what each means. Describe a time when you were convicted by the Holy Spirit.

3. What is the work of the Holy Spirit in the church? According to John 16:12-15, the Holy Spirit does two things: First, he reveals *all the truth* about Jesus Christ (v.13). How is the New Testament canon the fulfillment of this? Does the Holy Spirit reveal new truth today or does he lead us to what has already been revealed about Jesus Christ? Explain.

4. Second, the Holy Spirit's role in the church is to glorify Jesus Christ. How does he do this? What questions could you use to help determine if you are being led by the Holy Spirit or by your own feelings/desires in a specific situation?

5. According to this passage the Holy Spirit works in and through Christ-followers (v.7) to see those who oppose Jesus Christ become people who live for his glory. Yet we must accept his help in order to participate in the work he wants to do. What keeps you from accepting his help today? How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you? Will you say yes to him?