# **Jesus + The Helper**

### Parables in Mark 4:

- (1) The Holy Spirit is necessary for **salvation**. Titus 3:1-8, John 3:5
- (2) The Holy Spirit is necessary for **honoring** God in our lives.

  Judges 3:10, 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- (3) The Holy Spirit is necessary for **maturity** in Christ. Romans 8:4, 14-16; 1 Corinthians 6:11
- (4) The Holy Spirit is necessary for <u>discipleship</u>. John 14:26, Acts 1:16

### The role of the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 2:4; Judges 13:25, Isaiah 61:1, 1 Samuel 10:6, Psalm 139:7, 1 Corinthians 3:16

✓ He is the **Power**, **Authority** and **Presence** of God.

# The Holy Spirit in our lives:

- ✓ Sanctifies us and makes us more like Jesus
- ✓ Unifies the family of God
- ✓ Reminds us who we are in Christ
- ✓ Prays effectively for us
- Regenerates us and wakes up our dead, sinful hearts
- Illuminates our hearts and helps us understand the gospel
- ✓ Shows us all of our sin
- ✓ Exchanges our sinful desires for His holy desires
- ✓ Does miracles

#### So is that Spirit in me? There's a way to tell:

Galatians 5:22-23

### Food for Thought for the week of March 24, 2019

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

- 1. This weekend, Christopher asked us if we come to church to be filled or to fill others. What might be signs we are coming to church to be filled? How could church be different if we attend with the intent of pouring into others?
- 2. For some of us, the thought of "sowing seeds" is intimidating, especially if you don't feel very knowledgeable about God or the Bible. It can be reassuring to know there are places in the Bible that can help us better understand God's work in our lives which can also help us encourage others. As you read through Titus 3:3-8, write down any points you think would be helpful in "sowing seeds" to others.

#### Titus 3:3-8 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

How could Matthew 5:13-16 be an encouragement to be more intentional in talking to others about Jesus?

# Matthew 5:13-16 New International Version (NIV)

Salt and Light

- <sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
- <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- 3. Christopher talked about the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Jesus followers. How do the following verses add to our understanding about how the Holy Spirit works in us?

### Acts 1:8 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

#### John 14:16 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

#### John 14:26 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

What are one or two things you want to remember from the above verses?