

# Growth Group Bible Study

Moving Toward Maturity: Becoming a Fully Devoted  
Follower of Jesus Sermon Series  
*Having Help*



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**Reading**    John 14:16-18

## Opening Questions

1. Have you ever had to go through an initiation into a club or had to check off certain criteria to belong to something or had to go through certain “hoops” to belong, etc. What was that like? Did anyone help you?
2. Who would you say has been one of the most important helpers in your life and what made them such a good helper?
3. How would you explain to someone who God the Holy Spirit is?

## Study

1. What is the significance of the background and the setting of John 14:16-18 regarding why Jesus’ promise of the Holy Spirit is so critical? cf. John 13:36-38; John 14:1-4
2. What does Jesus mean by “another Helper” in 14:16?
3. Why is it critical to understand that the Holy Spirit has personhood and is “fully God”?

4. Read the following verses and record what they tell us about the role of God the Holy Spirit:
  - John 14:26
  - John 15:26
  - John 16:7
  - John 16:13-14
5. What else do the following verses tell us about the Holy Spirit and the Christian (along with John 14:17)?
  - Romans 8:16
  - Acts 1:8
  - 1 Cor. 6:19
6. Why is it critical for the Christian to recognize the need of the Helper (the Holy Spirit)? cf. John 15:5; 2 Cor. 3:5
7. In what ways have you come to realize your need of the Holy Spirit as you seek to “move toward maturity” as a Christian?
8. Based on 14:18, how can we see that we can acknowledge the Holy Spirit is for us?
9. What does Ephesians 5:18 tell us about maintaining a daily connection with the Helper (the Holy Spirit) and how do we do that?
10. What does it mean to surrender to the Holy Spirit’s help and what can be the barriers to doing so?

### **Application**

1. This week, think about the Holy Spirit as your Helper and how you can “cry out” for His help as you go through your week.