

## Thinking it through

1. Define real friendship.
2. What does koinonia look like if lived out between two friends?
3. Certain things within friendship work ONLY because so much is held in common. This limits the potential for friendship with the Holy Spirit in some ways, since one of the places of common ground we have with human friends is our weaknesses and failures. Recognizing the fact that there are a few limitations, how would you define the potential for friendship with the Holy Spirit?
4. In what ways have you experienced friendship with the Holy Spirit (beyond non-tangible emotional experiences)...in what way have you had known interactions with the Holy Spirit where His involvement, intercession, help, aid...etc. was clearly that of a friend?
5. Name some of the roles the Holy Spirit plays in our lives?
6. In your everyday life, how aware would you say you live of His ever present presence?
7. Describe what you believe would be the life experience of an orphan.
8. What was Jesus trying to communicate then when He said that He would send the Holy Spirit so that we would not be orphans?
9. How often do you deliberately engage the Holy Spirit for help, for worship, for a break through in a stagnated walk with God, for revelation...or any of the other areas he has been sent to us for our aid?
10. Jesus described the Holy Spirit as an artesian well, gushing up to eternal life. Do you understand what He meant by that?
11. Have you ever felt the grief of the Holy Spirit?

12. Do you or have you had people in your life that you sometimes just do not understand. Meaning, they sometimes say or do something and you misunderstand or take it in a way they didn't mean it?

- Have you had enough of those types of experiences that it tainted your ability to get along with them?
- Did you know that the way you perceive the Holy Spirit's presence and work in your heart is MUCH like that. It has **a lot** to do with how much you actively seek His help and how much He CAN actually give you aid. Apply this truth to your relationship with the Holy Spirit - how difficult is it for Him to get you the help you need?

13. When the Spirit convicts you of sin, how do you hear it and how does it affect you?

14. What do you think the scriptures mean when it says that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide you into all truth?

15. When you need wisdom or guidance, does it ever occur to you to seek the aid of the Holy Spirit...or do you just pray to the Father and wait for a reply?

16. Many Christians offer little more than verbal pleasantries to non-Christians in hope that their "niceness" will draw them to Christ or at least be attributed to them being a Christian. MOST do not actively go into public hand-in-hand with the Holy Spirit asking him for divine appointments where He can speak the life of Christ into others.

Most, if they think of it at all, are either too afraid to engage strangers with the gospel or are too bold and rely upon their own charisma and ability to carry a conversation when sharing the gospel. So, have you ever witnessed WITH the Holy Spirit? Describe your experience?

17. What do you think Jesus meant when He essentially called the Holy Spirit "Peace" that He was leaving with us?