

The Passage: 1 John 3:24-4:6

The Holy Spirit is an incredible Gift.

The Gift comes through Jesus Christ.

The spirit:

Reveals

Tests

Teaches

Transforms

Food for thought

Use the following questions to continue the conversation, have a great meeting.

MY STORY

Who do you tend to go to when you need advice? What is it about that person that draws you to them in those situations?

Can you describe a time when you thought God was speaking to you or when you felt an “inner prompting of the Holy Spirit”?

Can you think of any Scriptures that would help you know if this experience was from God or not?

DIGGING DEEPER

Genuine Christ followers have the exact same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus. That means that as followers of Jesus we have a supernatural resource that can help us do and understand things that we never thought possible. Read the following passages and identify some of the resources that the Spirit offers.

John 14:25-27

Acts 1:8

Romans 8:12-17

Ephesians 3:16-21

Where would you most like to experience the Spirit's power?

The Bible is an essential tool for determining what's from God and what's not. How we view and respond to God's Word is one of the tests of whether or not we really know God. What do the following verses tell us about either the blessings or warnings that come with how we treat God's Word?

Joshua 1:8-9

Psalm 119:9-11

James 1:22-25

1 Samuel 12:14-15

Are you in a real authentic relationship with Christ.

Questions we have covered

Basic Morality: Am I walking in the *light* I have? *1 John 1:6-7*

Humility: Will I admit that I'm a *sinner*? *1 John 1:8-10*

Sin: Am I making progress or *excuses*? *1 John 3:6-10*

Obedience: Am I obeying His *commands*? *1 John 2:3-5*

Love: Am I forgiving those who *wrong me*? *1 John 2:9-11*

Priorities: Am I primarily pursuing *eternal* or *earthly* rewards?
1 John 2:15-17

Response: Do I respond to the Bible as God's Word or *good advice*? *1 John 4:6*

Holy Spirit: Am I being changed from the *inside out*? *1 John 4:13*

PRAYER TIPS:

Use these prayer tips to talk it over with God:

- Father, I receive your gift of the Holy Spirit. The same power that your son Jesus had is available to me. I have all the strength I need to overcome and be successful in my life.
- Father with the Spirits leading I will test everything that comes in my life. No council that comes from you is ever in conflict with your word. Help me to know your word.